

Zuid-Afrikaansche Boer Republics

DECLARATION OF HISTORICAL PRINCIPLES

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The Temporary Advisory Council of the Zuid-Afrikaansche Boer Republics (ZABR), on behalf of the living Boervolk, collectively united under the Zuid-Afrikaansche Boervolk (ZAB), in accordance with the mandate of the Declaration of Independence of “100 Men” (12 July 2025) and the Declaration of Restoration (ZABR_Pub_Dec_005).

To:

The Boervolk, all heritage bodies, museums, researchers and the broader public.

PREAMBLE

The Zuid-Afrikaansche Boer Republics (ZABR) hereby solemnly issues a public declaration of historical principles.

This declaration stems from the restoration of our historical, inherent and sovereign status as a distinct, covenantal and indigenous people, as confirmed at Blood River (1838), Paardekraal (1880) and reaffirmed by the Declaration of Independence of “100 Men”. It serves as an affirmation of our responsibility towards the legacy of the Boer Republics — not as a new demand, but as the restoration of existing rights and duties.

We do this in the spirit of the White Flag process — peacefully, in good faith, and with the Word of the Almighty Heavenly Father as the highest authority.

PRINCIPLES

Principle 1 – Recognition of the Boer Republics' Historical Sovereignty

The ZABR recognises the full historical reality of more than twenty-one (21+) Boer Republics founded by the Boervolk as expressions of their self-determination and sovereignty in Southern Africa.

These include, among others, the Natalia Republic (Natal), the Republics of Graaff-Reinet and Swellendam, as well as various republics in the Transvaal and Free State regions that were later merged or absorbed into the Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek (ZAR) and the Oranje-Vrystaat (OVS).

The independence and sovereignty of these republics were recognised by treaties such as the Sand River Convention (1852) and the Bloemfontein Convention (1854). The British annexation of the Cape Colony and Natal, as well as the later annexation of 1902 following the Anglo-Boer War, were unilateral acts of colonial conquest that did not reflect the voluntary surrender of Boer sovereignty. This **declaration forms part of the restoration of our historical status** as set out in the Declaration of Restoration (ZABR_Pub_Dec_005).

Principle 2 – Preservation of Historical Truth and Corrective Historiography

The ZABR commits itself to the preservation and protection of all primary sources, documents, proclamations, treaties, testimonies and records. We reject any attempt to distort, conceal **or subject the history of the Boervolk to broader “Afrikaner” narratives** that erase our separate identity.

Principle 3 – Commemoration of the Freedom Wars

The ZABR honours the First War of Independence (1880–1881) and the Anglo-Boer War (1899–1902) as defining **struggles for self-determination**. We commemorate all burghers who served, suffered and fell in defence of their republics.

Principle 4 – Commemoration of Civilian Suffering

The ZABR acknowledges the **systematic destruction** of more than 30,000 farms through the scorched-earth policy, the establishment of 126+ concentration camps, and the deaths of more than 36,000 women, children and elderly. This suffering forms an indelible part of our collective legacy and must be preserved as historical truth.

Principle 5 – Commemoration of Prisoners of War and Exiles

The ZABR commemorates and respects the more than 27,000 burghers and boys who were sent as prisoners of war and sent to St. Helena, Ceylon, Bermuda, India and other parts of the British Empire. Their sacrifice and endurance are honoured.

Principle 6 – Protection of Monuments, Graves and Heritage Sites

The ZABR supports the protection, restoration and correct interpretation of all monuments, graves, museums, archives, battlefields, historical buildings and heritage sites within the territory of **all historical Boer Republics**. We are campaigning for the formal recording and protection of these sites with SAHRA and other relevant authorities, so that they may be preserved for present and future generations.

Principle 7 – Preservation of Culture, Language and Identity

The language (Afrikaans), culture, folk tales, genealogies and cultural expressions of the Boervolk are regarded as living heritage and are protected in terms of the principles contained in the draft ZABR Constitution and Annexure M - Principles of Cultural and Individual Protection.

Principle 8 – Responsibility towards Future Generations

The ZABR assumes the stewardship to keep this history orderly, documented and accessible so that future generations may know and continue their covenantal identity as a people.

Principle 9 – Respect for All Victims and Peace

While respecting our own history, we acknowledge the suffering of all involved in the conflicts, including British soldiers and civilians, and we advocate for a truthful, conciliatory approach to history without denial of facts.

CLOSING DECLARATION

We respect and commemorate the burghers who built and defended the republics.

We respect the women and children who suffered greatly.

We remember the men and boys who suffered in captivity and exile.

We preserve the history of **all historical Boer Republics**.

We do this not out of enmity, but out of faithfulness to the truth, to our predecessors, to the Almighty, and to our future generations.

Reservation of Rights

This document represents a peaceful, good-faith expression of the historical *Boer people*, collectively and transparently pursued by concerned compatriots, and not on behalf of any organization, political body, commercial entity or external interest. All statements herein are made solely in the legitimate interest, dignity and protection of the *Boer people* themselves.

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Issued in peace as part of the White Flag process.

Signed in good faith on behalf of the Boervolk collective by the ZABR Temporary Advisory Council:

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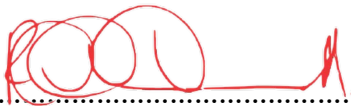

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