Zuid-Afrikaansche Boer Republics

PUBLIC STATEMENT

Distinction Between Principled Status Correction and Rebellion

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The Temporary Advisory Council, on behalf of the living Boervolk collective, collectively united under the Zuid-Afrikaansche Boervolk (ZAB), administered by the Zuid-Afrikaansche Boer Republics (ZABR).

To:

All relevant parties, the Boervolk, Movements, Organizations, Political parties, Groupings and residents of South Africa

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Subject:

Zuid-Afrikaansche Boer Republic's position regarding the distinction between Principled Status Correction and Rebellion/Revolt and where the Zuid-Afrikaansche Boervolk position themselves.

1. Purpose of this Declaration: This Public Declaration is issued to clearly place on record the principled position of the Zuid-Afrikaansche Boervolk. It makes the distinction between *Principled Status Correction* and *rebellion*; corrects the historical mislabeling of Boervolk burghers and patriots during the Anglo-Boer War; and confirms that the ZABR's current course is one of peaceful, legal, rightful status correction within the framework of international law — not of rebellion or insurrection. At the same time, the Declaration serves as a safeguard against any subsequent allegation that the Boervolk or the ZABR is guilty of insurrectionary or revolutionary action.

2. Rebellion: Rebellion occurs when an individual or group *elevates* itself against *a recognized or de facto authority* with the intention of overthrowing, replacement, or forcibly resisting that authority. It usually implies an act of rebellion against the existing order and can range from civil disobedience to armed resistance. The emphasis is on the *rejection of authority as such* and the pursuit of a new power structure.

3. Principled Status Correction: Principled status correction is the act of *resisting* unlawful, illegal or imposed domination, without necessarily intending the total overthrow of all authority. It is a defensive attitude: the refusal to acknowledge or submit to unlawful authority, while the person or people is still under a higher, rightful authority (in the case of the Boervolk: The Almighty Heavenly Father). This status correction is done through peaceful, lawful and record-based means.

4. Historical application during the Anglo-Boer War

4.1. Burghers of the two Republics (ZAR and Orange Free State): The burghers of the Zuid-Afrikaansche Republic and the Orange Free State were burghers of internationally recognized sovereign states. They fought as legitimate fighters of their own republics.

However, the British authorities systematically branded them as "rebellious". This label was a deliberate political and propagandistic act to:

- denying the sovereignty and jurisdiction of the two republics;
- creating the impression that the Boers rebelled against "legitimate authority", when in fact Britain was illegally attacking the republics;
- wipe out the Boervolk's national existence and international status.

For the Boerbolk, these burghers were never rebels. They were burghers who defended their own land, republics, and sovereignty.

4.2. The so-called "Cape Rebels" and "Natal Rebels": Burghers of the Cape Colony and Natal (British colonies) who joined or actively supported the republican forces were branded by Britain as "*Cape Rebels*" or "*Natal Rebels*". According to available records, there were more than 15 000 Cape colonists who were classified in this way.

Being considered British subjects, they were charged with high treason. Under martial law (only from April 1901) some of them were tried by military courts. At least 44 were executed, some before declared martial law (in other words, it had not yet been declared an act of high treason) and shot dead without trial, while many others were sentenced to life and sent to overseas camps, or lost their property and rights.

These burghers were not "rebels" in the sense that they rebelled against their own people. The Boervolk had already offered principled status correction against British domination since the first illegal British occupation of the Cape in 1795. This continuous course was one of the main reasons for the Great Trek. The Boervolk never asked or agreed to serve under the British Crown. Because her **principled status correction** was never stopped, the Boervolk and her fellow compatriots could not legitimately be regarded as "rebels" against the British Crown — the label was an unlawful attribution from the outset.

4.3. Synopsis:

Group	UK label	Real Position - Boervolk Perspective
Burghers of ZAR & OVS	*Rebels*	Legal burghers of sovereign republics who defended their country and people.

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Cape and Natal Boer Patriots	*Cape/Natal Rebels*	Boer patriots who, since 1795, have applied principled status correction against British domination out of allegiance to their people and identity.

The consistent British use of the word "rebel" was **a tool to deny the sovereignty of the republics and criminalize any Boer support within the colonies as a crime**.

5. Application to the Zuid-Afrikaansche Boervolk: The ZAB's position is one of **principled status correction**, not of rebellion.

The ZAB does not recognize the illegal transfer of authority and property (since 1795) that has taken place without her consent, and therefore offers peaceful, principled resistance to the consequences of that injustice. This status correction takes place:

- under the Supreme Authority of Almighty Heavenly Father;
- within the framework of the White Flag process;
- through record placement, status correction and the exercise of inherent international law;
- in accordance with internationally recognized international law, including the rights of indigenous peoples as contained in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP);
- without the aspiration to establish a new state power by force or revolution.

6. Statement: The Zuid-Afrikaansche Boervolk hereby formally declares that it is not in rebellion against authority as a principle.

She refuses only to recognize illegitimate, unauthorized and alien authority over her as a people — in particular, any authority that does not recognize Almighty Heavenly Father and His full Word as the Supreme Authority. **Her course remains one of peaceful, principled status correction within the White Flag process**.

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This document is issued with acknowledgment of Almighty Heavenly Father and His full Word as the supreme authority, and with a plea to Him for His right and justice towards the Boer people. This document forms part of the Restoration of Status and Affiliation process of the South African Boer People, and is issued in peace, good faith and without hostility as part of the White Flag process.

Issued in good faith, in law and justice for and on behalf of the Boervolk collective by the ZABR Temporary Advisory Council:

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