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PAC SUBMISSION ON STATE SECURITY STRUCTURES

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1. The constitution must create state Security Structures.
2. The security structures should be civilian.
3. In executing the work of national security and safety, all the state security structures have to work in concert. That, is, there should be a mechanism designed to prevent individual structures pursuing conflicting strategies that may inadvertently harm, neutralise or render one structure or more structures ineffective.
4. The value and significance of all the security structures has constitutionally to be located at the peaceful political, economic and social development of the country and the free pursuit of happiness and contentment of all the individuals making the nation of South Africa.
5. Absolute loyalty to the constitution in public affairs should be required of the personnel serving in the security structures. Such loyalty should also be steadfastly inculcated.
6. The maintenance of peace with South Africa's neighbours and the world at large should be the primary aim of the security structures.
7. The possibility of individual members- of the security structures taking out membership of political parties, thus, putting themselves in a situation of also having to carry out political party decisions and obligations is, to PAC problematic, despite PAC's embrace of the principle of unfettered

exercise of political rights by all individual South Africans. PAC feels that members of security structures should reserve all political rights except the right of having from time to time trying to balance a loyalty between the needs and policies of his or her national calling and those of her or his political party.

8. PAC accepts the idea that correctional services fall out of the ambit of security structures.
9. Parliament must oversee and control the security forces so that democratic life of the country is secured.

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