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**DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE****NO. 481****02 JUNE 2017****SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY****DECLARATION OF TWO SIGNED AND AUTHENTICATED COPIES OF THE FREEDOM CHARTER AS SPECIFICALLY DECLARED HERITAGE OBJECTS**

By virtue of the powers vested in the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), in terms of Section 32(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act, no.25 of 1999 (NHRA), SAHRA hereby declares the two signed and authenticated copies of the Freedom Charter as Specifically Declared Heritage Objects.

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

On 10 March 2010, SAHRA prohibited the export of a signed copy of the Freedom Charter due to its association with leaders and events of importance in the history of South Africa. This copy is at the National Archives and Records Service of South Africa. Subsequently, SAHRA conducted research into the existence of an original signed copy of the Freedom Charter and/or a handwritten document. In the process, the existence of another signed copy was brought to SAHRA's attention. This copy is at Lilliesleaf.

In the absence of a verified original document, SAHRA has identified these two copies, as having qualities so exceptional that they are of special national significance and warrant national declaration as the start of a larger serial declaration of significant Freedom Charter documents. These two signed copies represent the endorsement of the Freedom Charter by the African National Congress, South African Indian Congress, South African Coloured People's Organisation, South African Congress of Democrats, and the South African Congress of Trade Unions (who formed the Congress Alliance and were the organisers of the 1955 Congress of the People where the Freedom Charter was adopted). The African National Congress is the only surviving signatory.

These documents further represent the democratic approach taken in documenting the vision of ordinary South Africans in drafting the Freedom Charter. It was the first time in South African history where all South Africans were given an opportunity to voice their dreams and hopes for a future democratic South Africa irrespective of race, colour, education, language, sex, personal beliefs and organisational affiliation.

It was a unique and imaginative response to the ever increasing repression of the Apartheid government. The Freedom Charter gave substance to the notions of freedom, national liberation and self determination in articulating what these would practically mean and, therefore, gave the liberation movement a uniform and coherent vision for a future South Africa. The Charter became the basis of the movement with organisations continually adopting it in the 1980s including the United Democratic Front.

Record	Owner / Originator	Manner of Access
1. KZN Health Budget Speech	Office of the MEC	Available on DoH internet site <a href="http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/speeches/2016/Budget_Vote_Speech_2016.pdf">http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/speeches/2016/Budget_Vote_Speech_2016.pdf</a>
2. Departmental Strategic Plan	Strategic Planning (Jack Govender)	Available on DoH internet site <a href="http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/Strategic-Plan-2015-2019.pdf">http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/Strategic-Plan-2015-2019.pdf</a>
3. Annual Performance Plan	Strategic Planning (Jack Govender)	Available on DoH internet site <a href="http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/app.htm">http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/app.htm</a>
4. Service Delivery Improvement Plan		Available on DoH internet site: <a href="http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/Service_delivery_improvement_plan-2017-18-19.pdf">http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/Service_delivery_improvement_plan-2017-18-19.pdf</a>
5. Employment Equity Report	HRMS	Not on internet
6. Approved Organizational Structure	HRMS	Not on internet
7. MEC's Speeches	Office of the MEC	Available on DoH internet site <a href="http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/speech1.htm">http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/speech1.htm</a>
8. Circulars of advertised posts	Various HR offices throughout the Department	Available on DoH internet site <a href="http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/vacirs.htm">http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/vacirs.htm</a>
9. Magazines, newspapers and newsletters	Corporate Communication	Ezempilo Health Matters: <a href="http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/ezempilo.htm">http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/ezempilo.htm</a>  Health Chat : <a href="http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/Corporate-Communications.htm">http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/Corporate-Communications.htm</a>
10. Information		District offices :

about health facilities		<a href="http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/districtoffices.htm">http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/districtoffices.htm</a> Hospitals: <a href="http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/hospitals.htm">http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/hospitals.htm</a> CHCs: <a href="http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/chc.htm">http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/chc.htm</a>
11. Bid documents	SCM	<a href="http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/tender_documents.htm">http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/tender_documents.htm</a>
12. Media invites and statements	Office of the MEC / Corporate Communication	<a href="http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/mediarelease-2017.htm">http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/mediarelease-2017.htm</a>
13. Information, Education and Communication Material	Corporate communication	<a href="http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/publicity.htm">http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/publicity.htm</a>
14. Annual reports	Strategic Planning (Jack Govender)	<a href="http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/reports.htm">http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/reports.htm</a>