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It is important to realize that words like change and reform have different meanings and significance for different population groups. Some Whites may see reform as sacrifice. Some Blacks may see it as new opportunities; other Whites may see a specific reform as a major concession whilst Blacks may experience it as mere rhetoric without significant change of the status quo. Particularly when we move into the era of negotiation politics and begin to prepare for life in a post-apartheid society, it is very important that words like "reform" "negotiation", moving away from "discrimination" do not lose their value and become inflated.

It is the task of the P.F.P. to challenge Government to give practical content to promises, guidelines and new rhetoric. If the Government does not want to be specific we must be prepared to spell out clearly what is implied when we start talking about orderly urbanization, abolishing influx control, negotiating a new constitution etc. Our task as an Opposition is not to bother about being left or right of Government but to be ahead of it in the process of fundamental reform.

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