

Building the socialist society

« Our determination to continue the march along the path of socialist transformation and to build up a sound socialist society whose features have been drawn in the documents of our struggle, constitutes an entire nation's historical fate, a nation that is aspiring to social, economic and political development. Our march along this path means : **First** — the protection of the socialist gains, and **Second** — the suitable circumstances to expand their limits, to include the guarantee of at least a 50% representation of farmers and workers in all elected popular councils.

The creation of these conditions means :

In the political and social fields :

- 1 — Government responsibilities shall be undertaken by political, constitutional, scientific and social institutions which have definite and clear-cut functions and which are linked by close ties of co-operation without any

interference on the part of any of them in the functions of the other that interference which inverts responsibility or causes the loss of responsibility provided that all this takes place within the framework of the alliance, and under the complete and total control of the people.

- 2 — The prevalence of legitimate socialism and the State must be ruled by law as are individuals. Authority should be coupled with responsibility; no decision or procedure may be taken, whatever the authority issuing it, away from the supervision of the law.
- 3 — Asserting the control of the elected popular councils at all levels and widening the range of this control to include government organs, general organisations and establishments, as well as ensuring that these councils perform their role in working out and supervising the execution of the development plans, Also, to assert the guarantees which provide freedom of action to the executive authorities, as well as freedom of control and calling to account to the popular authorities.
- 4 — Asserting the authority of the alliance of the people's working forces and the van-

guard role of the workers in this alliance which must play its role in leading the political action of the masses, and in expressing their true will and aspirations.

- 5 — Work within the Arab Socialist Union and at all its levels must be carried out according to the principles of collective leadership. Thus, the decisions can truly express common experience and not the special objectives of a certain category or group of individuals, and also on the basis of the right of criticism and self-criticism. This can be achieved only through granting freedom of opinion and expression, without restrictions, to all the forces of the alliance, on the basis of commitment to the objectives of national action as defined by the documents of the July 23 Revolution which the people spelled out with their struggle — namely, the Charter of National Action, the Statement of March 30, as well as the principles established by the masses of May 15.
- 6 — The masses shall have the right to withdraw their confidence from their representatives if they deviate or betray the trust or hold themselves above the people, or form centres of power, or put restraints on the freedom

of opinion or deviate from the general principles of the revolutionary march.

7 — Political freedom cannot be realised as a method of rule and a way of life unless social freedom is first realised. Freedom of the loaf of bread is the way to the freedom of the individual. Social freedom cannot prevail without political freedom and its guarantees, and thereby emerge man's creative and inventive abilities.

8 — To remove all barriers and obstacles from the way of youths and women. Youths are the morrow and the future, and if they do not fully play their role in building the present, we will lose both present and future. Woman is half of the society, and the feminist movement stores a great and precious amount of potentialities which must carry out its full message in the national action.

In the economic field :

- 1 — Asserting the leading role of the Public Sector in the process of development and building the modern economic base for the socialist society.
- 2 — Developing the productive co-operative ownership to play its role in the process

of development and establishing the new social relations.

- 3 — Ensuring the necessary guarantees for the private sector to perform its proper function in the development plan in accordance with the provisions of the Charter.
- 4 — Completing the base of heavy industry which alone is capable of making our economy a first-rate industrial economy, for this alone, is the true measure of progress.
- 5 — Completing the transformation to scientific agriculture, industrialising agriculture, reclaiming lands and properly exploiting reclaimed areas.
- 6 — Social administration of the available and potential resources through which the society's productive capacities can be developed, and benefitting from the human potentialities who are conscious of the objectives which the people aspire to.
- 7 — Rapid change in the programmes of education due to the fact that we, more than others, have no hope in progress except through modern science.

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