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The delegates of the V.N.V. and of the provisional Directorate of the K.V.V. note, after discussion, that they agree on the following principles:

**I. Concerning the DIVINE and MORAL interests, throughout the Kingdom of Belgium, among other things:**

- a) The Church shall be guaranteed the freedom of movement necessary for the fulfilment of its mission;
- b) School peace through school equality will be guaranteed.

When a common party is formed it will not be built on denominational foundations: it will appeal to all those who recognize and want to maintain the great value of the Catholic religion and of the Church as factors of civilization, as well as the historically Catholic character of the Flemish population.

**II. THE PEOPLE'S INTEREST has primacy over the organisation of the State.**

We affirm the necessity of a public law status for the Flemish popular community, achieved and guaranteed by an independent political representation.

The economic unity of the Kingdom of Belgium is preserved, as well as the unity of foreign, military and colonial policy; this unity is guaranteed by the royal dynasty and by a common legislative and executive power.

**III. The State order must be thoroughly reformed in political and socio-economic terms.**

A political parliament will be maintained; its essential powers are those of the present legislative Chambers: in the first place, voting of the budget, political legislation, and supervision of Government policy.

The members of this parliament will be appointed by a truly free popular vote.

To the exclusion of all State corporatism, the elaboration of cultural, economic and social organization is entrusted to business boards or corporations.

The government and parliament decide in the last resort on the approval of regulations issued by the corporations; they can also take the initiative to grant the latter certain assignments.

With regard to the present social organization, we expressly affirm the freedom of social and trade union associations and recognize the necessity of social organizations on a Christian basis.

In the spirit of the papal encyclicals, the realization of the corporate reorganization will strive to separate economic and social life from the political struggle.

The delegates expressed the desire to establish a common formation on the basis of these principles, and to direct their further action in this spirit.

Signed BORGINON, DE BRUYNE, ELIAS, EYSKENS, ROMSEE, VERBIST.

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