

# New Unity Movement



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## DECEMBER 2019 CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS ON THE NATIONAL SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

### A. THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY IN SOUTH AFRICA

#### **Conference notes that:**

The macro-economic policies of the RDP (Reconstruction and Development Programme), the GEAR (Growth, Employment and Redistribution programme) and NDP (National Development Plan) of the ANC government have been dismal failures to uplift the poor from hardship and suffering;

The greed of the capitalists resulting in growing unemployment has made the South African society the most unequal in the world so much so that it takes a top corporate executive in this country 4,5 days to earn what a temporary farm worker earns in a lifetime;

The government has legislated slave wages via its minimum wage policy whereby a farm worker earns R18 an hour and a domestic worker's wage is R15 an hour;

Capitalism promotes runaway corruption among the corporate and governing elite, diverting millions of rands into the pockets of self-serving individuals, leaving hard-pressed communities starved of vital services and resources

#### **Conference therefore declares that:**

The economic hardships of the people are a direct result of the trade-off for political power by sections of the liberatory movement, leaving the economic power in the hands of monopoly capitalists;

The struggle against those that so selfishly wield economic power requires the combined efforts of all progressive people and organisations.

**Conference therefore resolves to:**

Continue to inform the people that the cause of their economic misery is the capitalist system which is the real enemy of their well-being;

Convince people to continue the struggle against the capitalist system adopted by the negotiators in 1994 and to replace it with a more humane dispensation where people come before profits and all the endeavours of government are for the common good;

Equip ourselves to continue the fight against our economic oppressors and to do our utmost to join hands with all progressive people and organisations in this struggle.

**B. THE SOCIO-POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA**

**Conference notes that:**

South Africa is wracked by violence where communities are exposed daily to the most horrendous crimes and violence against women and children have become endemic;

There is a crippled public healthcare system for the poor and a well-resourced one for those who can afford it;

There is an under-resourced education system with highly demotivated staff for the poor and a school system on par with the best in the world for those who can afford it;

All levels of government are mired in corruption and how the graft and patronage emanating from these spheres involve the private sector and members of the public;

South Africa continues to be the most unequal society in the world.

**Conference therefore declares that:**

The “the new South Africa” was a creation of world capitalism-imperialism which dictated all the terms and conditions of the “post-Apartheid” South Africa;

Therefore those sitting in national, provincial and local governments sit there by leave of the local ruling class and their international backers;

Those occupying the seat of government are the clerks that administer the country from the union buildings, while the capitalist classes hold the real power.

**Conference therefore resolves to:**

Continue revealing to our South African compatriots that the negotiations at CODESA at Kempton park in 1994 were not a process of a settlement between equals; that the “New South Africa” is a lie and that the deal that was struck at Kempton Park has not removed the masters from the necks of the oppressed;

Encourage all South Africans to continue the struggle for freedom from economic and racial oppression. It is our duty to implore all South Africans to not hand their power to political parties who do not rule in the interest of the people;

Continue the anti-capitalist/anti-imperialist struggle via extra-parliamentary means;

Join the suffering masses of South Africa to form our own people's organisations to continue the struggle for freedom from the daily strife of poverty, violence and hardship.

### **C. RESOLUTION ON VIOLENCE**

#### **Conference notes that:**

Communities in South Africa are wracked by ongoing and increasing violence which determines the very existence of people;

This violence is one of the more tangible and horrific examples of the damage caused by global capitalism;

The disgusting violence against women and children has increased in recent years;

The high unemployment rate characteristic of the South African capitalist state is a contributing factor in the violence in the country.

The violence directed against foreign nationals in our country is fuelled by the exploitative policies of companies which divide the working class by paying discriminatory wages based on the nationality of the workers.

#### **Conference therefore declares that:**

The scourge of violence in South Africa is unacceptable and is greatly enhanced by a society that places profits before people;

There is no excuse for and that we abhor gender-based violence and violence on children.

#### **Conference therefore resolves to:**

Fight for a more humane society without the inequalities that may give rise to violent behaviour;

Support progressive campaigns to eradicate gender-based violence and violence against children.

### **D. RESOLUTION ON RACISM**

#### **Conference notes that:**

Racism is still rife in South Africa and often raises its ugly head in public spaces;

It is still common belief in South Africa, led by the government, that the South African nation consists of different "races";

Holding on to this conviction contributes greatly to racist and xenophobic behaviour.

#### **Conference therefore boldly declares that:**

Humanity consists of ONE single human race;

**T**he idea of a multiplicity of human races is a myth. It is a social construct invented to propagate the idea of the superiority of some parts of the human race while other parts were labelled inferior “races”;

**T**he capitalist-imperialist European nations conscripted all aspects of activity and thought into the service of this myth as a rationalisation for their colonial plunder.

**Conference therefore resolves to:**

**C**ontinue to proclaim the falseness of the notion of different “human races”;

**R**aise awareness among the people that capitalism thrives on “racial” and class divisions and that the continued acceptance by the government of the existence of different human “races”, promotes oppression and discrimination in South Africa.

**E. RESOLUTION ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

**Conference notes that:**

**T**he greed inherent in profit-driven capitalist production is accelerating planetary climate breakdown triggering an ecological catastrophe;

**C**limate change is having a devastating effect on agriculture in South Africa where declining yields cause job losses and lead to increases in food prices which hit poorer communities the hardest.

**Conference therefore declares that:**

**T**he owners of big capital have no regard for the poor, who are the most affected by the destruction of the environment;

**O**ur struggle for social justice must be joined by the struggle for climate justice.

**Conference therefore resolves to:**

**S**upport the struggle for climate justice by demanding the phasing out of energy generation through the use of fossil fuels and nuclear power to be replaced by the use of renewable power sources run by the state for the benefit of all.

**F. RESOLUTION ON HEALTH**

**Conference notes that:**

**M**ost of our public health facilities are overcrowded, understaffed and ill-equipped which impact most severely on the delivery of healthcare;

**F**ive times more money is spent in South Africa on persons who can afford to belong to medical aid schemes than on those who have to use public health facilities.

**Conference therefore declares that:**

Access to quality healthcare is the right of all citizens of the country;

Healthcare should not be a tradable commodity and that the highest possible quality of healthcare should be available to all regardless of social status;

Free Comprehensive Healthcare cannot exist in a vacuum but requires similar humane policies with regard to all other social needs such as housing, education, employment and transport.

**Conference therefore resolves to:**

Continue the struggle to attain the society described in our Ten Point Programme of demands of a single, undivided, independent, non-racial, democratic and socialist South Africa in which the interest of workers and the poor shall be paramount.

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