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### Media Release

#### **ON THE IMPENDING DEREGISTRATION OF ASSOCIATION OF MINEWORKERS AND CONSTRUCTION UNION (AMCU)**

The Azanian People's Organization (AZAPO) notes with grave concern the impending deregistration of AMCU by the Department of Labour.

While AZAPO doesn't and will never condone any willy-nilly contraventions of the labour laws, regulations and constitutions that govern labour matters in this country, and further respect the rights of the Department of Labour to oversee and take corrective measures when labour laws and regulations are contravened by employers, trade unions and other organisations, AZAPO views the impending deregistration of AMCU as a selective heavy-handed and desperate attempt to harass, destabilise and victimise a Trade Union which is not affiliated to a Federation that is in cahoots with the government.

AZAPO is fully aware of some of the employers in the mining, food, agricultural, and other industries, and even government institutions, that are not compliant with labour laws and regulations which are life-threatening to majority of the Black workers, but the Department has continuously opted to turn a blind eye to such serious and violent contraventions because the governing party cannot bite the capitalist hands that feed it.

AZAPO calls upon the Department of Labour to exercise unequivocal consistency when dealing with matters of labour law enforcements and compliances where employers, trade unions and other organisations are found wanting.

AZAPO therefore calls for calmness in dealing with this matter as any reckless and rushed actions on the part of the Department will lead to unintended consequences.

We further call upon the Department of Labour to deal with this matter very sensitively and resolve it amicably by engagements with AMCU within the prescripts of Section 106(B),(b) of the Labour Relations Act, (Act No 66 of 1995), as amended.

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