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Revolutionary Greetings,

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Re: AMCU and Registrar of Trade Unions (Department of Labour)

The Azanian Peoples Organization (AZAPO) sends the attached message of unequivocal support and solidarity to AMCU on your fearless fight against the impending threat by the Department of Labour to deregister your Trade Union.

Our statement is informed by our Founding Principles as contained in the Preamble to our Constitution and briefly captured below: **"WHEREAS we, the Black people of AZANIA,**

- (a) Conscious of the adverse physical and psychological effects of centuries of oppression on Black people, and on Black workers in particular; and**
- (b) Aware of the determination of Black workers to gain freedom and justice, and their desire to occupy their rightful place in the land of their birth; and**
- (c) Realising that the system in Azania is based on white racism, capitalism and neo-colonialism; and**
- (d) Acknowledging that Black people in general, and Black workers in particular are responsible for the creation of the bulk of the wealth in Azania..."**

AZAPO views the latest action by the Department of Labour as nothing else but a reckless move of intimidation and harassment. It is a desperate attempt to destabilise AMCU in favour of the capitalist mining houses at the expense of the downtrodden and vulnerable Black workers who continue to be exploited in their country of birth.

It is a sad indictment to the governing party that after twenty five years of democracy it is Black workers who are still underpaid and who continue to live in appalling poor conditions.

AZAPO condemns in no uncertain terms the inconsistent and selective manner in which the Department of Labour deals with labour matters in this country. It is evident that its focus on labour legislative non-compliances is directed mostly to those who remain uncompromising in the fight for workers' inalienable rights.

AZAPO supports all your endeavours in fearlessly defending the rights of Black workers and urges AMCU to continue the relentless fight against all capitalist and neo-colonialist practices and tendencies that seek to undermine the dignity and pride of Black workers.

Please receive attached herewith our statement of solidarity as issued by Comrade Nkokeng Morufane our Secretary for Labour on the latest pronouncements by the Department of Labour through the Registrar, Mr Molefe.

The struggle for the total emancipation of Black workers shall continue unabated.

Yours sincerely



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