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SUBJECT: SALIENT POINTS OF THE DECLARATION OF COOPERATION BETWEEN AZAPO & PAC

Preamble

The Azanian People's Organisation (AZAPO) and the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC) have, during the course of the fight for liberation, worked together and shared perspectives on how to approach the struggle for freedom in AZANIA. The signed Declaration of Cooperation between AZAPO and PAC finds its genesis from previous co-operations such the most significant 1991 Kadoma Consultation which was between AZAPO, the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania (BCMA) and the PAC. There were also previous interactions such as the 1981 Dar es Salaam Consultation and when both AZAPO and PAC were part of the Patriotic Front (PF), that preceded the sell-out negotiated settlement of Kempton Park.

What is different with this signed historic Declaration of Cooperation is that unlike the previous consultations between AZAPO and PAC, it is structured with pointed strategic goals and pointed outcomes. Also the current political milieu in AZANIA beckons for visionary leadership from these two jewels of the Liberation Movement. AZANIA needs fixing and cleansing from rampant corruption, craft and inept and unethical leadership. The combined effect of Black Consciousness and Pan Africanism is needed more than ever before in this displeasing and depressing political epoch in our beautiful land.

The Declaration of Cooperation between AZAPO and PAC

Flowing from the hard work of the coordinating committee comprising three persons from each organisation, the cooperation between AZAPO and PAC will among others entail the following programs and campaigns which will occur at national, provincial and/or local level:

- **Cultivation of Political Activism**

The two organisations will at various levels from time to time, organise joint political education programs that will cultivate political activism of the oppressed people. Through these political education programs local communities in particular will be more vigilant and hold those in leadership accountable.



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- **Commemoration of Significant Political Events**

The two organisations will host jointly commemorative and other politically significant events. These will include *Sobukwe Day, March 21, Afrika Liberation Day, June 16, and September 12*. This list is by no means exhaustive. AZAPO and PAC will for the time jointly through the Coordinating Committee facilitate a national event remembering **April 27 as the Day of Betrayal**.

- **Participation in Joint Campaigns**

The various formations and structures of the two organisations will cooperate and mount joint campaigns based on issues affecting their communities. For a start the following campaigns will be embarked upon jointly:

1. *Black Dignity Campaign* – Agitate for the eradication of Pit Latrine Toilets at Schools and Townships
2. *Mayibuy'iAzania* - Galvanize society for the country's name change
3. *Fall of SA, and the Rise of Azania* – Popularise the name AZANIA among members of our communities and campaign for change of the country's name.
4. *#OurLandOurDignity* - Campaign for the return of our land and galvanise society to fight for the expunction of section 25 of the constitution, amongst other things.
5. *People powered demands to eliminate settler colonialism* – restitution, justice for all and reparations
6. *Community based campaigns* – local campaigns identified by structures of the two organisations

Conclusion

These efforts represent the initial steps of what would be an organic growth of the relationship between AZAPO and PAC. The clarion call for total freedom and the undoing of land dispossession sounded by our forebears still echo in our hearts and minds. Therefore the liberation project, the restoration of land, the dismantling of the neo-colonialist state anchored on bourgeois democracy form the bedrock of this cooperation and are more important than any perceived historical differences (or legacy issues) between AZAPO and PAC. What is important is to usher in One Azania, One Nation, Izwelethu iAfrika!

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