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SUBJECT : OUTCOME OF AZAPO CC MEETING HELD ON APRIL 01 – 03 2022

The Central Committee (CC) of the Azanian People's Organisation's (AZAPO) held its ordinary session on April 01-03, 2022 at Hoffenheim Lodge in Waterfall, Pretoria. CC is an executive body that meets quarterly. It comprises the Standing Committee (SC) whose members are elected directly by national congress; Provincial Executive Committees (PECs); National Executive Committees (NECs) of formations of AZAPO and invited guests. CC meets to review progress and give new mandates to structures and leaders. For clarity's sake, in some political organisations the CC will be the NEC while the SC is their Working Committee equivalent.

In his political statement when opening the AZAPO CC meeting, President Nelvis Qekema spoke elaborately on the **#ReLioniseAZAPO vision** of the current AZAPO SC. Flowing from the political statement of President Qekema, AZAPO declared she is readying herself to take over political power in AZANIA. The statement also made reference to *organic strength of AZAPO, identity politics in the body politic, patriarchy and sexism, efforts to massify AZAPO* as well as *AZAPO's financial sovereignty*. For ease of reference the political statement accompanies this media statement.

Outcomes of AZAPO CC

On *lack of governance in South Africa CC,*

1. mandated the SC to organise meetings with all stakeholders who appear to be at odds with each other over what CC views as failure of the current government to do the most basic thing – governing the country!
2. urged AZAPO SC to act as a voice of reason and work together with all stakeholders to end the impasse that exists.

On *borders, jobs and drugs, CC*

1. notes that most governments on the continent have laws that regulate movement of non-citizens in their countries.
2. is aware that economic activity of non-citizens is carefully controlled and monitored to ensure there are no clashes with citizens of those countries.
3. notes that systems put in place in these countries work to ensure governance favours citizens of the respective countries.
4. notes that the methods of governance adopted in these countries eliminate direct competition for economic resources between citizens and non-citizens.

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On Pit Latrines, CC

1. notes that pit latrines still dominate as modes of ablution facilities at a number of schools in black townships and villages
2. further notes that these remain a health scare and a death trap for our people, young and old
3. implores the SC to launch a campaign against pit latrines and engage the relevant departments, including the Department of Basic Education for action
4. directs the SC to investigate alternatives that can be canvassed with all impacted stakeholders for speedy elimination of the existing pit latrines

On Abolishment of Provincial Governments, CC

1. directs the SC to engage civil society and communities and explain the reasons for AZAPO's desire to have Provincial Governments abolished
2. directs the SC to mobilise civil society to join AZAPO in the #AbolishProvincialGovernmentSystem campaign

On remembrance of April 27, CC

1. endorses the SC recommendation that April 27 be seen as the day of betrayal
2. directs the SC to mobilise civil society in rejecting April 27 as freedom day
3. notes the need to refocus black people on the struggle that was derailed

On Amendments to the Electoral Act, CC

1. notes that the executive member's bill has not sufficiently responded to the dictates of the constitutional court judgement
2. notes that the present bill limits the participation of citizens to be freely and democratically elected as participants in the country's National Assembly
3. directs the AZAPO SC to further study the bill with a view to making a submission to parliament and possibly joining the matter should it go to the constitutional court

Through these outcomes of CC, AZAPO calls on all South Africans to see the current government for what it truly is – **a non-caring and irresponsible government that has simply stopped governing the country**. The country is on auto-pilot mode. To arrest the situation, AZAPO will intervene and work with all stakeholders to rescue the country from descending further into the abyss. Citizens should not be allowed to take the law into their own hands while there is an elected government that should ensure there is governance. What we are experiencing is **a failed state**. Hunting down alleged drug lords and other syndicates of organised crime should be the responsibility of law enforcement agents and state security agents, not the responsibility of ordinary citizens. Lawlessness cannot be allowed to prevail.

Under the current government South Africa is experiencing **government-sponsored violence**. It is a deliberate act to perpetuate confusion and mayhem among the citizens and non-citizens of African descent. This madness should stop now. AZAPO offers herself as the voice of reason in these trying times. The current government-sponsored violence serves the interests of the ruling elite and their capitalists handlers, not the interests of black people.

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