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SUBJECT: AZAPO AND PAC 2024 ELECTION SUMMIT OUTCOMES

Following the historic signing of the Declaration of Cooperation in February 2021, AZAPO and PAC have worked together to maximise the combined effect of Black Consciousness and Pan Africanism that is sorely needed in the body politic of South Africa (our Azania). This was done through a deliberate program of memorialising the historic contributions of the two organisations in the struggle for land and liberation. AZAPO and PAC resolved and gave effect to jointly commemorating the deaths of Sobukwe and Biko together, the fathers of Pan Africanism and Black Consciousness in Azania. We also commemorated together the epoch changing moments in the history of our liberation struggle, the Sharpeville Massacre and June 16 Uprisings as well as the Afrika Liberation Day.

More than a year later, AZAPO and PAC came together and convened an Election Summit in Johannesburg to review the Cooperation Agreement between them and enhanced it to ensure the two organisations continue their commitment to working together towards unseating the ANC government from power through the 2024 National and Provincial Election.

The working relationship between AZAPO and PAC is built on the foundations of the efforts by Biko and Sobukwe to unite the liberation movement towards the dismantling of the system of colonialism in Azania. It is traceable to the 1982 Dar es Salaam effort where leaders of the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania and Pan Africanist Congress of Azania met to pursue struggle together. It is also traceable to the agreements reached at the 1991 Kadoma Consultation that resolved on the joint and common approach to the CODESA negotiations. It is traceable on the historical contributions of these two liberation organisations to the struggle for freedom.

It is on this basis that AZAPO and PAC have decided to form a struggle pact under the banner of the Azanian Liberation Front.

The Azanian Liberation Front is a struggle pact that advances the agenda of the reversal of the betrayal of the liberation struggle and positions the liberation politics at the door of Parliament and in the Black Communities. The Azanian Liberation Front is, amongst others, an electoral pact through which AZAPO and PAC will contest 2024 National and Provincial Election. The two organisations have setup technical committees to unpack the modalities that give effect to this desire. The pact is amongst others committing the two organisations to the following:

1. AZAPO and PAC will continue joint commemorations of our historical days in the Black calendar of our liberation struggle.
2. The two organisations will work together in the 2024 National and Provincial Election Campaigns. In this regard, there will be joint voter education campaigns and joint election campaign rallies.

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3. AZAPO and the PAC will share resources, information and guard each other's votes at the polling stations.

The collaboration between AZAPO and PAC will continue beyond elections to ensure our people are never treated as foreigners in their own country. The two organisations further commit themselves to operate as one in parliament and outside of it, in the daily struggles of our communities. To this end, AZAPO and PAC will act together to change the name of the country to AZANIA and work tirelessly:

1. To return the land with all its resources to the people of AZANIA,
2. To legislate on laws and programmes to eradicate racism, inequalities and white privileges,
3. To change and restructure the economy to serve the interests of the Black majority,
4. To build and create a united Azanian Nation where there will be no provincial governments,
5. To champion and advance Pan Africanism and Black Consciousness,
6. To set up a Constituent Assembly where a new political dispensation will be worked out,
7. To dismantle white monopoly economic power and introduce a self-reliant economy,
8. To establish an egalitarian society where the dignity of Black people will be restored,
9. To do away with the two systems of education (Malusi and Independent Boards) and advance research, innovation and creativity in AZANIA,
10. To restructure the criminal justice system to respond to rampant crimes and gender-based violence,
11. To legislate on equal pay for women and men in all spheres of work,
12. To introduce and legislate for free and compulsory education up until the first degree and a free supply of sanitary pads for girls at schools,
13. To build decent public toilets and ablution facilities in all busy public rural and urban places,
14. To make land and resources available to women and young people between 18 and 35 years for all types of productive activities and businesses.

These are efforts that consolidate the forces of liberation and refocus them towards the struggle for the reclamation of our land, the dismantling of neo-colonialism and the ushering in of One Azania, One Nation, One People. Izwelethu iAfrika! It is thus a clarion call to all formations and civil society organisations that subscribe to the above objectives to join the Azanian Liberation Front in pursuit of the total freedom of our people.

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