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**MEDIA STATEMENT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TAKING THE PAC
TO COURT OVER THE CHANTING OF THE "ONE SETTLER - ONE BULLET"
SLOGAN**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO: ALL MEDIA HOUSES
FROM: OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL – AZAPO

AZAPO is shocked by the decision of the overwhelmingly Black Commissioners of the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) to take the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania to court over the slogan "One Settler, One Bullet". The SAHRC is occupied by Black men and women who have experienced white racism and should be at the forefront of defending all songs and slogans that are part of our struggle heritage.

The "One Settler, One Bullet" slogan is part of the heritage of Black People's struggle for the return of the land, which was chanted at the height of the call to arms to all Black people in the fight for freedom and liberation from colonialism and white racism. There is thus no rational basis for the SAHRC to take a liberation movement to court for chanting a liberation slogan. The SAHRC must tell the nation if it was established for the purpose of defending white fragility at the expense of the restoration of the dignity of Black People through the return of the Land and Total Liberation from the yoke of neo-colonialism.

AZAPO said it before and will continue to say that no person will tell us which slogans to chant when we confront white racism and its manifestations. AZAPO is very clear that it will seek no one's permission to defend the Azanian struggle heritage and will chant the slogan "One Settler, One Bullet" as long as Black people remain landless and powerless.

AZAPO urges the SAHRC to rather focus its attention on the removal of all apartheid symbols that continue represent and remind Black people of their oppression. There is no reason why this country still has the Union Buildings as a significant symbol of the unity of the Dutch and English descendants over the oppression of Black people. Does the SAHRC not see the removal of Paul Kruger's statue in front of church square as their responsibility in promoting the spirit of human rights in South Africa?

As AZAPO we call on the SAHRC to stop insulting the struggle of Black People and withdraw this case with immediate effect. One Settle – One Bullet!!!

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