



YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE OF SOUTH AFRICA

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YCLSA MOSES MABHIDA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL DECLARATION

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We, the more than 150 delegates from nine(9) districts in good standing across the length and breadth of Moses Mabhida Province have gathered here at the NUM KZN Regional House; Durban under the theme “Youth to the Front: “ Together, Let’s Build the Powerful Socialist Movement for the Workers and the Poor” from Saturday 3rd of August to Sunday, 4th of August 2024 for our Provincial Council ,`resolute, motivated and energetic to revive the Communist League of the Vanguard Party. We acknowledge and appreciate the presence of the Former YCLSA Provincial Leadership, National Committee as deployed by the National Secretary, Cde Mzwandile Thakudi and equally welcome his attendance and address to Council. The Council was also attended by SACP Moses Mabhida Provincial Office Bearers led by the Provincial Secretary; Comrade Themba Mthembu. The Council also received solidarity messages from the Fraternal organization, SASCO along with the South African Youth Council[SAYC] which presented a paper on the state of the Youth. We also appreciate the presence of the National Union of Mineworkers Youth Structure[NUMYS].

The Council received the Political and Organizational Report that reflected on the international balance of forces; the state of the National Democratic Revolution (NDR), Analysis on Elections; Youth and Work; Education and Health as well as the state of the organization.

We have devoted ourselves to struggle, out of conviction and dedication to the cause for fundamental social transformation hence the necessity for the convening of this Council. The great Vladimir Lenin proposes the concept of organization as a condition of strategy which gives base the working-class character of our organization, as well as the communist content of Lenin’s strategy. This is the very reason why as an organization, we

had to honor our constitutional obligations by convening the Provincial Council which the Komsomol of Moses Mabhida have been yearning for, for quite a long time. This affords young communists an opportunity and offers a platform to engage on a variety of issues as well as to re-look at, make analysis and evaluation of their own organization.

Our motivations and aspirations to re-build the YCL in the province for the overall pursuance of the Socialist struggle as well as the advancement of youth development, which is a critical aspect of the whole struggle for Socialism are derived from our political and revolutionary consciousness and total commitment to communist work.

The Council recognizes that globally, the balance of forces is shifting, with profound implications for the Left. We declare our solidarity and unwavering support in response to the following crises:

Ukraine-Russia War: The escalation of tensions between NATO and Russia threatens global security and stability. We stand in solidarity with all those affected by this conflict and advocate for peaceful resolutions and diplomacy to restore stability and security.

Israel-Palestine Conflict: The ongoing conflict continues to fuel resistance and solidarity movements worldwide. We extend our support to the Palestinian people and all those striving for justice, peace, and the recognition of their rights. We call for an end to the violence and the establishment of a just and lasting peace.

African Conflicts: The wars in Mali, Somalia, and Burkina Faso highlight the devastating consequences of imperialism, neoliberalism, and climate change. These conflicts have led to severe humanitarian crises, displacement, and widespread suffering. We stand with the people affected by these conflicts, demanding international action to address the root causes and provide humanitarian aid to those in need.

We will strengthen our international work on campaigns for a Free Palestine against Apartheid Israel, work tirelessly to support the working class struggle of the people of Swaziland and Western Sahara for freedom and emancipation. We emphasize the importance of anti-imperialist solidarity and international cooperation in these challenging times. We call on the global Left to unite in support of all struggles against imperialism, neoliberalism, and oppression. Together, we can work towards a more just and equitable world, fostering peace and security for all.

This council marked a significant moment in our ongoing struggle for social justice, economic equity, and the empowerment of the youth within our communities. In a vibrant atmosphere of camaraderie and purpose, delegates engaged in critical discussions aimed at mobilizing young people as catalysts for change. As we reflect on the challenges faced by workers and the marginalized, we reaffirm our commitment to forging a united front that champions the rights and aspirations of the poor.

Together, we will harness our collective strength to build a formidable movement that not

only addresses the immediate needs of our communities but also lays the foundation for a more just and equitable society for generations to come.

The YCLSA declared 2024 as "The Year of the Districts"—a clarion call to mobilize, educate, and agitate the youth for socialism. This initiative aims to empower young people at the grassroots level, recognizing that the future of our organization lies in the hands of the next generation. By focusing on the districts, we seek to create localized strategies that resonate with the unique challenges faced by youth in their respective communities. Political Education will be at the forefront of this campaign through the intensification of BUA THURSDAYS, as we strive to equip young minds with a comprehensive understanding of socialism, workers' rights, and social justice.

We declare that through workshops, community engagements, and grassroots activism, we will ignite a spirit of solidarity and collective action among the youth. This year will serve as a vital launching pad for young activists to take ownership of their role in the broader struggle for a just society, fostering a new wave of leadership committed to dismantling systemic inequalities and advocating for the rights of workers and the marginalized. Together, we will cultivate a powerful organization rooted in the principles of socialism, ensuring that the voices of the youth are heard and instrumental in shaping our society's future. We declare that the organization will continue to build its capacity to be able to attract the confidence and trust of all working-class youth to, in essence, instill working-class consciousness and wage a relentless onslaught against certain post-democratic gains and to our march towards socialism. The Council declare that we will convene the three days Provincial Marxist-Leninist Political in October as part of deepening Political and Ideological Training. We also support the weekly political class that will facilitated by the SACP first focusing on Historical Materialism.

The council declares that it will develop frameworks through which our work in trade union and general labor spaces, students and broader educational areas, and intellectual and cultural fields ought to be consolidated.

The council declares that is ready to launch the One Province! One C-operative Campaign! One District! One Cooperative! One ward One Cooperative! This is within the Party's theme of Land, Food Work. The YCLSA will further take our campaign " Right to Work" forward.

The Council unequivocally supports the assertion that the "Government of National Unity" in South Africa, formed by the DA and ANC, is a neo-liberal pact that serves the interests of the ruling elite at the expense of the working class. We recognize the validity of this characterization for the following reasons:

Neo liberal Policies: The alliance between the DA and ANC camouflages their shared commitment to neoliberal policies that have consistently entrenched inequality and

exploitation. These policies prioritize the interests of the ruling elite over the needs of the working class.

Betrayal of the Working Class: The working class is betrayed by this pact, which perpetuates the same economic policies that have led to widespread poverty, unemployment, and inequality. The promised benefits of neoliberal reforms have not materialized for the majority, leading to increased disenfranchisement and hardship.

Economic Inequality: The continuation of neoliberal policies has exacerbated economic inequality, allowing the rich to get richer while the poor become poorer. This has created a deeply divided society where the gap between the wealthy and the working class continues to widen.

Precarious Work and Low Wages: Joblessness and precarious work conditions remain endemic, with workers forced to accept low wages and poor working conditions. This has undermined the dignity and livelihoods of countless South Africans.

Erosion of Public Services: The erosion of public services and social welfare under this neoliberal pact has further marginalized the working class, leaving them vulnerable to the whims of the market and depriving them of essential services such as healthcare and education.

Increased Cost of Living: The increased costs of living and decreased standards of living have further squeezed the working class, making it increasingly difficult for them to make ends meet and secure a decent quality of life.

The Council declares its unwavering commitment to the revitalization of the districts and branches of the Young Communist League of South Africa (YCLSA) as a vital step towards attaining socialism in our lifetime. Recognizing the pivotal role of the youth in driving revolutionary change, we pledge to support and strengthen the YCLSA in the following way; **Rebuilding and Strengthening Organizational Structures:** Revitalize and expanding YCLSA districts and branches to ensure a robust and active presence in all communities. Foster effective communication channels between these structures regional to enhance coordination and solidarity.

The Provincial Council further filled the vacancies in the Provincial Office Bearers and the following comrades were elected:

Provincial Treasurer: Cde Siyabonga Mzenda

Deputy Provincial Secretary: Cde Andile Kunene

Deputy Provincial Chairperson: Cde. Nonkululeko Nzama

Conclusion.

We have committed to re-building and growing the YCLSA into a truly fighting organization for socialism. In praise of communism we re-affirm ourselves as the Young Communist League of South Africa (YCLSA) of the South Africa Communist Party(SACP) and we shall be working together with the Party of Socialism come Communism in implementing the decision of the 15th National Congress. We

commit to developing strong and robust campaigns against social impediments e.g crime, gender-based violence, poor provision of health services, drug addiction and substance abuse. We also commit to campaigning strongly against grand corruption both in State institutions and the private sector which is mostly underpinned by super exploitation of workers and labour. We declare our council was characterized by maximum discipline and unity as the core values of the revolutionary force of the Marxism-Leninism.