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8th NATIONAL CONGRESS

Day One: 15 JUNE 2015 [MONDAY]

Chairperson: 1st Deputy President Nkosinathi Mabhida

TIME	ITEM	PRESENTER
09:00 – 09:10	Singing of the National Anthem, Internationale & Solidarity Forever	Congress delegates & the choir
09:10 – 09:20	Credentials	General Secretary, Nkosinathi Theledi
09:20 – 09:30	Apologies	1 st Deputy General Secretary, Thandi Hlatshwayo
09:30 – 09:45	Confirmation of the Agenda	General Secretary, Nkosinathi Theledi
09:45 – 10:10	Word of welcome	Premier of KwaZulu Natal, Honourable Senzo Mchunu
10:10 – 10:30	Presentation of rules	General Secretary, Nkosinathi Theledi
10:30 – 10:45	Adoption of the Congress Programme	General Secretary, Nkosinathi Theledi
10:45 – 11:00	Introduction of Guests	1 st Deputy General Secretary, Thandi Hlatshwayo
11:00 – 12:00	Political Overview	POPCRU President, Zizamele Cebekhulu
12:00 – 12:45	Message of support	Minister of Transport, Honourable Dipuo Peters
12:45 – 13:00	Presentation: Minutes of the 7 th National Congress	General Secretary, Nkosinathi Theledi
13:00 – 13:10	Adoption of Minutes	Congress delegates
13:10 – 13:30	Matters Arising	Congress delegates
13:30 – 14:30	LUNCH	
14:30 – 15:15	Message of support	SACP General Secretary, Dr. Blade Nzimande
15:15 – 16:00	Written Messages of support	1 st Deputy General Secretary, Thandi Hlatshwayo
16:00 – 16:45	Elections procedure	Elections Agency
16:45 – 17:30	Presentation: Secretariat Report	General Secretary, Nkosinathi Theledi
17:30 – 19:00	Elections	Congress delegates
19:00	END OF DAY 1	
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Day Two: 16 JUNE [Tuesday]

Chairperson: 2nd Deputy President Bonny Marekwa

TIME	ITEM	PRESENTER
09:00 – 09:45	Presentation: Taking POPCRU to the 8 th National Congress and beyond	General Secretary, Nkosinathi Theledi
09:45 – 10:30	Message of support	COSATU President, Çde Sdumo Dlamini
10:30 – 11:15	Presentation: Draft Policies	General Secretary, Nkosinathi Theledi
11:15 – 12:00	Presentation: Draft Resolutions	General Secretary, Nkosinathi Theledi
12:00 – 12:30	Message of support	Correctional Services Acting National Commissioner, Zachariah Modise
12:30 – 13:15	Presentation: International Report	General Secretary, Nkosinathi Theledi
13:15 – 14:15	LUNCH	
14:15 – 15:00	Message of support	Minister of the SAPS, Honourable Nkosinathi Nhleko
15:00 – 18:00	Allocation of Commissions Commission 1: Taking POPCRU to the 8 th National Congress and beyond Commission 2: Political Section Commission 3: Socio-Economic and Social Transformation Commission 4: International Report Commission 5: Security of the country & Power and influence of media Commission 6: State of the organisation Commission 7: Draft Policies and Resolutions	All delegates
18:00 – 20:00	Plenary Discussions	Congress delegates
20:00	END OF DAY 2	

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Day Three: 17 JUNE [Wednesday]

Chairperson: President Cebekhulu

TIME	ITEM	Presenter
09:00 – 09:45	Message of support	WFTU General Secretary, Cde George Mavrikos
09:45 – 11:45	Continuation of plenary discussions	Congress delegates
11:45 – 12:30	Message of support	Minister of Justice & Correctional Services, Honourable Michael Masutha
12:30 – 13:15	Presentation: The state of socio- economic conditions in South Africa	Professor Sipho Seepe
13:15 – 14:15	LUNCH	
14:15 – 15:00	Presentation	Safer South Africa Foundation CEO, Advocate Tseliso Thipanyane
15:00 – 16:00	Messages of support	International and local allies
16:00 – 19:00	Continuation of plenary discussions	Congress delegates
19:00 – 21:00	Cultural Day Celebrations during dinner	Music by Shwi noMtekhala
END OF DAY 3		

Day Four: 18 JUNE [Thursday]

Chairperson: 2nd Deputy President Bonny Marekwa

TIME	ITEM	PRESENTER
08:00 – 08:45	Presentation	Stichting Waardering Erkenning Politie of Netherlands, Cde Jan Willem van de Pol
08:45 – 09:30	Presentation: Finance Report	Treasurer General, Thulani Ntsele
09:30 – 10:30	Plenary discussion: Finance Report	Congress delegates
10:30 – 11:30	Message of support	SAPS National Commissioner, Victoria Phiyega
11:30 – 12:00	Message of support	Deputy Minister of SAPS, Honourable Maggie Sotyu
12:00 – 13:00	LUNCH	
13:00	Adjourn for Gala Dinner	

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Day Five: 19 JUNE [Friday]

Chairperson: 1st Deputy President Nkosinathi Mabhida

TIME	ITEM	PRESENTER
09:00 – 09:45	Adoption of Programme of Action	Congress delegates
09:45 – 11:15	Reading of the Declaration	General Secretary, Nkosinathi Theledi
11:15 – 12:15	Keynote Address	His excellency President Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma
12:15 – 12:45	Election Results	Elections Agency
12:45 – 13:30	Closing Address	President
13:30	Congress Adjourn – Lunch and departure	
END OF 8TH NATIONAL CONGRESS		

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1. ORGANISATIONAL

1.1. Building Internal Capacity

Noting

- The efficiency of leadership capacity at both National and Provincial level and the challenges thereof.
- There must be increased efficiency and effectiveness at all levels especially at a ground level.
- Demand of professional service delivery by membership.
- The efficiency of leadership capacity at National, Provincial and local level and the challenges thereof.

Believing

- There is a need to have leadership that is fit for the purpose at all levels.
- Efficiency and effectiveness must be at all levels more especially at a ground level because that is a face of a union.
- Capacity building is not optional for the union to be relevant to members.

Resolving

- To continue enhancing capacity at all levels to consciously sharpen leadership tools.
- To radically implement effective organisational leadership development at Local and Institutional level.
- To elect well-grounded leadership to enhance service delivery to our members
- To continue with capacity at National, Provincial and Local level in order to consciously sharpen leadership tools.
- To elect potential leadership to enhance service delivery to our members.

1.1.1 Administration

Noting

- The tremendous improvement on administration at all levels of the organisation.
- That the 2010/14 organisation strategy has yielded positive results towards service delivery and membership growth.
- The NEC resolution of March 2013 on capacity building and strengthening of the Secretariat within the organisation.
- The challenges of equity balance within the Organisation's staff complement.
- That our administration is limited to National and Provincial level.
- The current staff retention strategies within the organisation.
- The lack of human resources capacity at the Provincial and Local levels.

Believing

- That there is a need for the organisation to develop a radical staff recruitment strategy for all races.
- That the organisation has capacity to improve human resources at the level of the Provinces and head office.
- The organisation can still do more to improve its equity status.
- That there is potential to grow our administrative capacity.
- That the increase on staff employment will strengthen the organisation's service delivery strategy.
- That the current staff retention strategies are still relevant.
- That the organisation has a financial ability to increase human resources capacity at the Provincial level.
- That the strengthening of the Secretariat will enhance our administrative capacity at all levels.

Resolving

- To continue capacitating the leadership especially at the Secretariat level and within all structures of the organisation.
- To re-affirm the NEC resolution on strengthening the Secretariat.
- To take forward the strategic plan aimed at strengthening the organisation's recruitment in order to attract other races within its administration.
- To continue increasing the staff compliment at Provincial and national office for the advancement of our retention and service delivery models.
- To continue enhancing the administrative and political capacity of Secretariat at all levels.

1.1.2. Membership service

Noting

- The current membership recruitment and retention strategy.
- Rapid membership growth in the organisation and thus necessitating a change in approach on how we service and communicate with our members.
- Diversified demographical nature of our membership which calls for the organisation to revisit the recruitment approach [technological approach in recruiting]. We cannot recruit the young generation in the same manner that we have been recruiting since POPCRU was established.
- Achievements and challenges are not communicated timeously to members and thus leaving an opportunity for the counter revolutionaries to take advantage of POPCRU's achievements.
- Benefits and service available to POPCRU members are not communicated effectively.
- There is lack of visibility at Institutional levels.

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Believing

- There is growth potential in all sectors we organize and we can maximize our presence.
- Utilization of technologically improved systems in ensuring that representation of members is improved and achievements documented for future use.
- Taking advantage of social networks to attract and educate the unorganized young generation employed in our sectors.
- That the slogan of "A POPCRU member is our Priority" is achievable and attainable.
- That we can wear the POPCRU brand with pride and dignity.

Resolving

- Standardized approach in running all POPCRU offices, i.e. the face of POPCRU should be the same regardless of the Province.
- Improved communication means and channels to members by taking advantage of available social networks.
- All achievements attained and challenges encountered by POPCRU to be communicated immediately to members through the use of advanced communication systems.
- Utilization of mass media tools to market POPCRU's achievements, benefits and services.
- Convene general meetings at institutions as per constitution to keep members abreast with agreements reached as SSSBC, GPSSBC and PSCBC.

1.1.3 Resources

Noting

- That the current resources are limited and this hinders the delivery of service to members as the organisation has grown rapidly and is still growing.
- The communication mechanism to members is still lacking behind and thus limiting the effectiveness and efficiency of timeously communicating relevant information to members at all levels.
- Geographical location of POPCRU offices limit other POPCRU members from accessing the services offered by the organisation.

Believing

- The organisation has the financial capabilities to improve on the resources in order to be able to service members effectively.
- Every POPCRU member should be able to access POPCRU offices regardless of where they are located.

Resolving

- Utilizing the available resources of our business wings to extensively reach our membership.
- Increase the number of POPCRU vehicles in Provinces in order to be able to reach the membership without relying on resources provided by employer.
- Strategically increase the number of offices in Provinces in order to be able to service members located in remote areas.
- Ensure that the call centre is up and running; fully resourced and vigorously marketed so that the members can utilize it and benefit from it.

2. POLITICAL

2.1. Border Control

- The influx of foreign nationals and the recurring violence between the citizens and foreign nationals.
- That most foreign nationals claim to be in the country for asylum bases whilst in the fore is business, **and**;
- The African Union is not doing enough in reducing conflict and promoting economic growth.

Believing

- Relevant authorities should be employed to determine the exact reasons for the large influx of foreign nationals into our country.
- Strict border control should be exercised to minimize the influx of foreign nationals, **and**;
- That asylum seekers should include all genders and children
- The African Union has a critical role to play in promoting the economic growth and stability in the continent.

Resolve

- Reaffirm the ANC's 52nd conference resolution on the Peace and stability on the border control and Ports of entry.
- Utilize information gathered to inform strategies of the migration of people.
- Empower the African Union to act swiftly on conflicts and the improvement of the economy of the continent.
- The African Union must ensure that the Security forces in particular the Army personnel of member States in the Region are strengthened to be combat ready to defend the Continent.

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2.2. Constitutionalism

Noting

- We have a constitution hailed as the most progressive constitution in the world.
- The constitution makes provision for chapter 9 institutions which are aimed at promoting and protecting the values of the constitution.
- The emergence of counterrevolutionary NGO`s the aim of which is to undermine our hard earned gains examples of which are Free market Foundation, Solidarity , Freedom under law, Open Society and so on, **and**;
- The abuse of democracy by the opposition in particular the EFF and its allies.

Believing

- There is a need to guard against the abuse of the constitution and democracy by counter revolutionary forces.
- Be proactive in identifying loopholes in our systems.

Resolve

- The regulation of NGO`s should be exercised and monitored at all times.
- Screen international donors with a view of protecting our country from counter revolutionary forces.

2.3. Strengthening COSATU

Noting

- The principle of one country one federation one sector one union
- The mushrooming of smaller unions aiming at weakening the existing unions within the same sector/industry.
- That a union with less than a thousand members can affiliate to the Federation and enjoy equal status with unions having bigger numbers.
- The COSATU Constitution is silent on the application process with regards to;
 - Minimum membership requirement.
 - Proportionality in attending the Central Committee (CC) meetings.
 - Instances where a meeting cannot sit for whatever reasons.

Believing

- COSATU should have implemented its resolution of one country one federation one sector one union to ensure the unity of the working class
- The insurgence of splinter unions should be discouraged at all cost.
- Mechanisms aimed at ensuring unity of the federation and promoting majority rule should be put in place to ensure that decisions of the Federation stands the test of time.
- The silence on application requirements has got the capacity to encourage a breakdown of numbers in unions, therefore diminishing the bargaining power.

- The lack of minimum requirements having a potential to compromise internal democratic processes.
- Having the potential to undermine desires of the general membership.

Resolve

- We reaffirm the principle of one country one federation one sector one union.
- Build strong unions at shop floor and sector level to curb the insurgence of smaller and splinter unions.
- Decisions in the Federation should be reached by at least two thirds of affiliates in good standing.
- There should be a determination for a minimum membership requirement for those new unions requiring to affiliate, and current affiliates with lesser numbers should be given a timeframe to meet minimum requirements.
- This should be done in consideration of the vastness of the industry they operate under.
- Proportionality should apply across the board where for each meeting attendance is determined by the percentage each affiliate has.
- In times where meetings cannot sit for whatever reason, a point system is applied each affiliate's written letter carries points in line with the general membership they represent.

2.4. Ideological outlook

Noting

- The organisation's resolution on building the Party.
- That Karl Marx on his analysis of society argues that there are two classes in society, namely the working class and the capitalist class.
- That the capitalist class owns the means of production.
- That the capitalist class is only interested in maximising profit at the expense of the working class.

Believing

- That each class' ideology is informed by its material conditions.
- That class consciousness is important for the working class in the struggle to achieve socialism.
- That class consciousness can be achieved through political education.
- That the South African Communist Party [SACP] is the only true and trusted vanguard to impart class consciousness to the working class.

Resolving

- That we must continue with Political education to all members of POPCRU.
- We re-affirm our active participation in the SACP activities.
- We re-affirm to build the SACP in order for it to sustain its capacity to analyse and provide direction on all matters affecting the working class and the poor.

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2.5. The Alliance

Noting

- The COSATU 2015 plan on swelling the ranks of the SACP and the ANC.
- That there have been improvements in the relations between Alliance partners since the 52nd ANC Polokwane conference.
- That the cadres deployed in government are drawn from all Alliance partners.
- That the ANC consult the Alliance partners on matters of governance.
- That the Alliance partners differ on the correct location of the strategic centre.

Believing

- That the unity and cohesion of the Alliance is sacrosanct.
- That the Alliance partners can still convince each other with the difference on the correct location of the strategic centre.

Resolving

- That the Alliance should be sustained.
- Reaffirm the COSATU resolution on swelling the ranks of the ANC and SACP.
- The unity of the federation must be defended at all times

2.6. Government

Noting

- That the constitution of the country recognizes three spheres of government.
- The organisation's resolution on the spheres of government.
- The unity of the Federation be defended at all times.
- That local government is the sphere that directly provide basic services to our people
- That there are service delivery protests as a result of poor services provided to communities.
- That service delivery protests becomes violent and results in destruction of property and infrastructure.

Believing

- That building capacity at the local government level will result in the improvement of provision of quality services to communities and will minimize the incidences of service delivery protests.

Resolving

- Re-affirm the organisation's previous resolution on the spheres of government.
- That local government must be fully capacitated.
- That the deployment of cadres to all spheres of government should be based on merit.

2.7. Chapter 9 institutions

Noting

- That these institutions are important for the protection of our democracy.
- That some of the appointees in these institutions make it their business to undermine the ANC.

Believing

- That these institutions may be abused by counter revolutionary forces.

Resolving

- That those who get appointed to these institutions must be vetted.
- That the roles of Chapter 9 institutions must be clearly defined in terms of relevant legislations
- That we educate the masses about the roles of chapter 9 institutions so that they should direct their grievances to the relevant departments.
- That we strategize around the challenges experienced with the office of the Public Protector so that we do not face the same challenges in future.

2.8. Transformation of the Judiciary

Noting

- That the constitution of the country guarantees the protection of every inhabitant of the country.
- That in a constitutional democracy the judiciary plays a pivotal role in the protection of the constitution.
- That the current government sought to create a judiciary that will be accessible to all inhabitants of the country and to afford equal protection to all.

Believing

- That we need a judiciary that is credible and unbiased to the ruling class.
- That the judiciary must equally protect the rights of all inhabitants of the land.
- That individuals coming from the capitalist class will not have an interest in protecting the rights of the working class.

Resolving

- That the appointment of magistrates and judges must be informed by the track record of good and impeccable conduct of the incumbent.
- Reaffirm our existing programs within the departments that we organise in at all levels.
- The appointed judiciary should be fit and proper to effectively execute their responsibilities.

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2.9. South African Reserve Bank [SARB]

Noting

- That in countries like England, the Bank of England is owned by government whereas in South Africa the SARB is partly privately owned.
- That the SARB has a number of functions which include being a banker for government.
- That the SARB as a partly privately owned entity has shareholders who dictate how it should conduct its business.

Believing

- That the SARB is the important role player in the economic activities of the inhabitants of the country.
- That as a result of globalization shares can be bought by individuals from imperialist countries who may want to impose imperialist tendencies in the SARB.

Resolving

- That the SARB must be nationalized.

3. SECTORAL

3.1. State Security

Noting

- That SA is a democratic state that interacts with other nations and other organisations
- That the state has a right to safeguard its security and the safety of its citizens
- The Consistence attacks on our state security **[e.g. the fact that we must list national key points]**.
- Growing level of International instability
- Existence of private security companies that collectively outnumber the entire state security and defence personnel.
- The long borders and many points of entry that SA has.

Believing

- The interaction should continue within the principles set by our constitution and international conventions and treaties.
- There are those within borders who would want to undermine the security of the state and the safety of its citizens.
- There should not be interference with our State Security organs.
- SA as part of international community may not be immune from acts of instability.
- This state of affairs cannot be left unchecked and unchallenged.
- There is a gap in the control of immigrants in our country.

Resolving

- Continue to strengthen our participation in communities and other organisations thereby respecting the protocol and independency.
- Strengthen our state security and insulated from unnecessary attacks.
- To participate in the international security organs that deal with matters of security and continue to monitor our internal security.
- More stringent control must be imposed on compositions and staffing of security companies- No foreign owned companies should be registered in the Republic.
- Laws and regulations relating to immigrations should be strengthened and our people should be accountable.

3.2. Department of Justice and Correctional Services

Noting

- Lack of formal establishment of social dialog structures between the department and the unions in order to engage on labour related issues.
- Centrality of Department of Justice & Correctional services to the rehabilitation of offenders in our society.
- Rehabilitation and restorative justice are part of corrections programmes.
- Most of the current infrastructures are not suited for rehabilitation.
- Overcrowding is above 100% and there is high level of shortage in personnel.

Believing

- Consultation with the majority stakeholder is not negotiable.
- Unions must be respected in terms of their role in employment relations.
- Departments must comply with the constitution and labour laws.
- Personalities must not feature in relationship building.
- Bargaining structures should operate in a formal and structured way.

Resolving

- Consultation of unions in all decision making processes should be compulsory at all time
- Undermining of the constitution and labour laws must attract severe penalties
- Relations should prevail whenever there is an appointment in all decision making processes
- Department chamber should operate in a more formalised/structured way and must be cascaded to the provincial chambers
- The department should re-align itself to the reality of rehabilitation
- Intensifying and monitoring effectiveness of offenders by ensuring that they are not kept in correctional centres doing nothing but to take part in the community programmes and wellbeing of the victims.
- A capacity building of correctional officials to understand the concept of rehabilitation and to empower them to be able to participate in the rehabilitation of offenders.

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3.3. South African Police Service [SAPS]

Noting

- Instability of key strategic components within SAPS.
- Consistence interference by opposition formations and other counter revolutionary forces.

Believing

- That these components should be stabilized in order to render proper service to the nation.
- These components are critical for our safety and security.

Resolving

- Consultation must be compulsory at all times.
- Relations should prevail whenever there is an appointment in all decision making processes.
- Undermining of the constitution and labour laws must attract severe penalties.
- We need to be more vibrant and influential in all decision making processes.

3.4. Department of Transport and Others

Noting

- Non implementation of ANC Polokwane Resolutions on Nationalisation.
- Lack of uniform standard as a result of non-implementation.
- Challenges of the many structures in law enforcement in the traffic sector which promote privatization and agencies.
- Legislative power allocated to entities within the transport sector.

Believing

- Nationalisation is long overdue.
- There should be common national standard for law enforcement and service conditions.
- Nationalisation of traffic will result in improved service delivery.

Resolving

- Call for speedy implementation of nationalisation of traffic.
- That the state is responsible for enforcement in the traffic sector.
- That the existence of agencies and privatized entities in the Traffic sector compromises state authority and the implementation of nationalization, therefore agencies and entities should be brought back to the Department of Transport.

4. SOCIO-ECONOMIC

4.1. Education

Noting

- The importance of education in the development of any society.
- That it is important for parents to be involved in the education of their children.
- That education has been made a priority by the current government.
- That there are still disparities in terms of provision of education and these disparities are evident between former Model C schools and former Public schools.
- The progress made in improving quality public education in our country.
- The importance of learning subjects that will empower students from Primary to Tertiary level.
- The existence of mud structures in some parts of the country.

Believing

- That parents can play a bigger role in assisting children in their education
- That the disparities are as a result of apartheid education system.
- That progress that has been made indicates the commitment of the ANC led government in improving quality of public education.
- That Mathematics, Physics and other natural science subjects are important for the development of the country.
- That mud schools are not conducive for learning.

Resolving

- To campaign for parents to participate fully in their children's education.
- That we should popularise the progress that has been made in improving quality of education.
- That we must campaign for Mathematics and Physical Science to be made compulsory from lower levels of our education system.
- That we must campaign for speedy eradication of mud schools.

4.2. Health

Noting

- That there is inequality in provision of health services between the rich and the poor.
- That health is a basic human right.
- That there are two health systems i.e. Public and Private.
- That the public health system is in a poor State.
- That there are infrastructural challenges in public health institutions.
- That strides have been made in improving the public health system [building of clinics and hospitals, treatment of HIV/AIDS and TB].
- That government has introduced NHI.

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- That there is possible opposition by anti-revolutionary forces.
- There is low morale among workers and some have bad attitude [low work standards and treatment of patients].

Believing

- That there should be equal provision of health services irrespective whether you are rich or poor.
- That the poor state of public health system and lack of infrastructure undermines the provision of health services to the poor.
- That the building of new health facilities and the provision of free treatment to HIV/AIDS and TB patients has greatly improved the lives of ordinary citizens.
- That the introduction of NHI will benefit everybody especially the poor.
- That low morale and bad attitude of some workers undermine the provision of services to our people.

Resolving

- That the public health system needs to be overhauled to ensure better services.
- That there should be acceleration of provision of infrastructure especially to rural and poor communities.
- That we should ensure there is political support for NHI.
- That the health workers should be encouraged to work hard and professionally.

4.3. National Development Plan [NDP]

Noting

- The government has released the National Development Plan in August 2012
- The need to address the triple challenges facing the society as well as other challenges in the country.
- The attacks and rejection of the NDP by some organisations and individuals.
- The NDP itself is not a perfect document.
- The need to popularise the NDP to our general membership.

Believing

- There is a need for long term planning to address the identified challenges.
- That attacks and rejection are unnecessary and do not assist in dealing with challenges facing the country.
- The gaps in the NDP forms basis for engaging the document.
- Awareness of the contents of the document will assist membership in understanding the document.

Resolving

- The NDP should be embraced by the organisation as we have a lot to benefit from the plan.
- There should be continuous engagements in order to find solutions to the areas of

disagreement.

- There should be training to general membership on the contents of the NDP.

4.4. Energy

Noting

- That there is electricity shortage and rising costs of electricity and fuel.
- That electricity is important for ordinary people and for economic growth.
- That NERSA has recommended rise in electricity costs.
- That ESKOM has limitations in provision of electricity.
- That there is a need to explore alternative sources of energy.

Believing

- That electricity is a basic necessity that should always be available at affordable rates.
- That electricity and fuel is necessary for economic growth.
- That an alternative source of energy will alleviate shortages and increases.

Resolving

- That there should be a continuous campaign against rising costs of electricity and fuel.
- That we should support exploration of alternative forms of energy including, but not limited to nuclear energy.

4.5. International Affiliation

4.5.1 Cuba

Noting

- USA government maintains its aggression against Cuba.
- The good trade union relations with Cuban counterparts and our solidarity with the Cuban trade union movement.
- The recent development of the recent release of the Cuban 5.
- The recent development in terms of the engagements on the lifting of sanctions and blockade against Cuba.

Believing

- Regardless of hardships and economic isolation of Cuba by USA Cuba has inspired millions of people around the world with its political and social achievements in health, education and national defence and security.
- The appreciation to the release of the Cuban 5 which was however long overdue.

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Resolving

- To campaign against the economic blockade of Cuba by USA.
- Call for Bricks countries and other progressive nations to provide economic support to Cuba.
- We campaign for USA to release the remainder of the political detainees and withdrawal of the USA from Guantanamo Bay.

4.5.2 Palastine

Noting

- There is a continuous aggression by Israel against Palestine.
- There is commitment by Palestine towards everlasting settlement.
- There is a political willingness of Palestine to leave side by side with Israel peacefully.
- The vast economic interest of over 5% in the total US economy.

Believing

- Israel enjoys the support of large white community in SA along the racial and religious lines.
- DA and apartheid forces subscribe to immediate white monopoly agenda.
- The US would like to see ANC divided on the issue of Middle East.

Resolving

- Continue to influence COSATU to develop a campaign for the isolation of apartheid Israel and its imperialist regime.
- Campaign against the economic blockage of Palestine by Israel and further extend the campaign to US regarding funding of Israel in its acts of Genocide.
- To have Israel war criminals to be prosecuted by the ICC.

