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STATEMENT

AFRICA LIBERATION DAY, 2026

May 25 marks Africa Liberation Day, a day that commemorates the struggles, sacrifices, and aspirations of the peoples of Africa for unity, liberation, dignity, and self-determination. As progressives, workers, students, farmers, and oppressed peoples across the continent reflect on this historic occasion, we reaffirm our commitment to the unfinished project of African emancipation.

The founding vision of continental unity was born from anti-colonial struggle. Leaders and movements across Africa understood that political independence without economic sovereignty would leave Africa vulnerable to exploitation by imperial powers, multinational corporations, and local elites aligned with foreign interests. Decades later, that warning remains painfully relevant.

Across the continent, African workers continue to face unemployment, low wages, privatization, debt dependency, and attacks on public services. Our minerals enrich foreign corporations while millions remain without quality healthcare, housing, education, electricity, and clean water. The wealth of Africa continues to be extracted while the majority endure poverty and inequality.

We reject the continued domination of African economies through unfair trade systems, debt regimes imposed by international financial institutions, military intervention, and resource extraction controlled by global capital. Africa cannot be truly free while its development is subordinated to the interests of foreign powers and comprador elites.

We strongly condemn the rise of xenophobia and anti-migrant violence in South Africa directed at fellow Africans from across the continent. No African migrant is responsible for unemployment, poverty, crime, or state failure. The real causes of social suffering lie in inequality, mass unemployment, corruption, austerity, and an economic system that concentrates wealth in the hands of a small elite while millions are left without opportunities.

Attempts to divide African workers and poor communities against one another only serve the interests of politicians, corporations, and reactionary forces that benefit from division. Pan-Africanism cannot coexist with xenophobia. An injury to one African is an injury to all Africans.

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We call on governments, trade unions, social movements, student organizations, and community leaders across the continent to reject tribalism, chauvinism, and xenophobic hatred, and to instead build solidarity among African peoples in the common struggle for justice, dignity, and liberation.

African Liberation Day must therefore be more than a ceremonial event. It must be a call to action for a new era of Pan-African solidarity rooted in the interests of workers, peasants, youth, women, and the poor.

We call for:

- Democratic control of Africa's natural resources for the benefit of African peoples
- Investment in universal public healthcare, education, housing, transport, and social welfare
- The cancellation of illegitimate debt burdens strangling African economies
- Regional industrialization and economic cooperation instead of dependency on raw material exports
- Protection of workers' rights, trade unions, and democratic freedoms
- Resistance to militarization, foreign interference, and neo-colonial domination
- Climate justice and sustainable development that prioritizes people over profit
- Genuine continental unity built from below through solidarity among African peoples

We also express solidarity with liberation struggles across the world against colonialism, apartheid, racism, occupation, and exploitation. The struggle of African peoples is inseparable from the global struggle against imperialism and capitalism.

On this Africa Liberation Day, we honour the generations who fought for liberation and recommit ourselves to building a united, socialist, democratic, and self-reliant Africa.

Another Africa is not only possible, but also necessary.

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