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Statement on the Resolutions of the MDC Youth Assembly First National Council Herein Sitting as Continuation of 3rd National Congress to Deal with Unfinished Congress Business and Other Matters Arising: 2nd of August 2011, Harvest House, Harare

Determined to execute the mandate afforded by the youth of Zimbabwe, the MDC Youth Assembly (The Assembly) held its inaugural National Council after the 3rd National Congress held on the 30th of April 2011, in Bulawayo. The National Council sought to deal with unfinished congress business and other relevant matters arising.

After intensive debates and deliberation, the national council of the MDC Youth Assembly resolved:

1. That all political prisoners currently in detention and/or on bail pending trial be immediately and unconditionally released.
2. To defend the party, its leadership, members and the people of Zimbabwe against violence and all forms of oppression.
3. To engage in mass mobilization of all young people to register as voters, to vote and most importantly to defend the election outcome. In doing so, the MDC youth assembly will utilize and rely on non-violent strategies as far as possible.
4. To denounce all unconstitutional pronouncements by some members of the military. Of particular note, the Youth Assembly expresses its concern over the behaviour of Douglas Nyikayaramba, Augustine Chihuri, Jabulani Sibanda and other military personnel that continue to violate and/abuse their constitutional obligations. We demand security sector realignment to meet the constitutional demands of this country; to abide by the regional and international protocols governing military conduct.
5. To reaffirm our commitment to stop, through disruption and other necessary means, any attempt to conduct an illegal election in Zimbabwe, as provided for by amendment 19 of the constitution.
6. To unequivocally support the SADC mediation process and call upon the speedy implementation of the Livingstone and Sandton resolutions respectively.
7. That Obert Mpofu should remit, with immediacy, all the proceeds from the diamond mines in Chiadzwa and Marange to the national Treasury to allow the Minister of Finance to address these pertinent challenges.
8. That the government must conclude the audit of the ghost workers with the precision of a butcher's cleaver to free the funds so as to direct them towards genuine civil servants.

9. To denounce in the strongest possible terms the inaccessible and unsustainable empowerment policy of Saviour Kasukuwere. The assembly advocates for a national consultative forum to devise a pro-poor, non-partisan youth empowerment strategy that targets all young people of Zimbabwe without any consideration to their political affiliation.
10. Advocates for a transformative social development agenda to uplift the lives of our youth
11. Articulate our concern with the conduct of the Zimbabwe Youth Council and its failure to be accessible to all young people.
12. Determined to achieve change, the assembly reaffirms its commitment to work with other progressive youth formations fighting for the democratization of Zimbabwe and the dignity of all Zimbabweans.
13. Denounce the recent attacks on Parliament, parliamentarians and Journalists by rogue elements. We insist on the need to respect and uphold the dignity of our national institutions.

Conclusion

The MDC Youth Assembly is concerned with the slow pace of the full implementation of all the provisions of the Global Political Agreement, completion of the constitution making process and the adoption of the roadmap to free and fair elections. We call upon all progressive youth formations and all young people of Zimbabwe to support the MDC's endeavour to complete the democratic struggle for the good of our people. The assembly remains committed to deliver the democratic change that we have promised the people of Zimbabwe. Drawing from the March 2008 election, the MDC led by Morgan Tsvangirai is the only party that carries the aspirations of the people of Zimbabwe.

Together to the end, Building a youth with a difference...

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