

## PRESS STATEMENT

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The MDC-T, MKD and Zanu Ndonga have today agreed to enter into a *Coalition for Change* in order to offer solutions to the problems facing the country.

The coming together of these parties has been necessitated by the shared commitment to bring to an end the current hardships confronting Zimbabweans, due to the failed policies of the past.

The parties have therefore agreed to:

- a) support and campaign for one Presidential candidate, Morgan Richard Tsvangirai.
- b) support each other in National Assembly and Local Authority Elections.
- c) constitute a genuine Government of National Unity after winning the elections.

The Government of National Unity will be based on the free will of the people, as opposed to the current forced coalition government, created after the subversion of the will of the people in the 2008 Presidential election.

The parties in the coalition commit themselves to the following National Revival and Real Transformation Agenda, which is anchored on 5 key pillars:

### 1. **Good Governance based on the Rule of Law**

**The new government** will ensure that the State and related institutions uphold and abide by the Rule of Law. The parties will work to promote constitutionalism and change the current governance culture in Zimbabwe that is characterized by **impunity, patronage, corruption and fear**. The new government will therefore facilitate a genuine national healing and reconciliation.

### 2. **Economic Revival, Growth & Employment creation**

**The new government** will create a conducive environment, based on the rule of law, to attract capital, promote and encourage domestic and foreign investment, in order to resuscitate our collapsed economy. A genuine empowerment policy and programmes would focus on creating new wealth that can be equitably shared by all, rather than grab the few ailing industries, for the benefit of a few who are politically connected. Particular emphasis will be placed on the development of small and medium scale enterprises.

#### **2.1 Robust Infrastructure Developments and Modernization**

**The new government** will promote investment in the modernization and expansion of the country's

infrastructure. Infrastructure modernization and development will also fuel job creation.

## **2.2 Rural Transformation and Food Security**

**The new government** will introduce new land tenure systems, which guarantee security of tenure, and stimulate investment in agriculture. Programmes that transform rural livelihoods, and guarantee food security, new irrigation technologies and rural industries, will also be implemented.

## **3.0 Social Transformation**

**The new government** will implement programmes that render health and education services accessible and affordable to the majority of citizens.

The State will also be transformed from one that is feared, to one that cares for the citizens and is respected both locally and internationally. Social safety nets will be created, to care for the weak and vulnerable, such as orphaned children, the elderly, people with disabilities and women.

In a nutshell, the parties will set up a **government that cares** for its citizens.

## **4.0 Devolution of Power**

**The new government** will ensure the implementation of devolution as provided for in the new Constitution, to enable citizens to determine the development

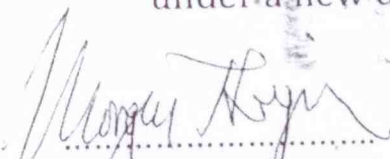
priorities in their areas, including a better, fairer and more equitable distribution of national resources. The new government will also ensure local communities benefit from local resources.

## 5.0 International Re-engagement

**The new government** will immediately restore broken relationships regionally and internationally, ensuring that Zimbabwe is a respectable and respected member of the family of nations and end the current isolation of the country, caused by poor governance and state sponsored human rights abuses.

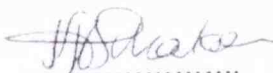
In implementing the above transformation agenda, **the Parties** resolved that they would constitute a lean and competent Executive Team of not more than 25 Cabinet members, including the Presidency.

The parties now call upon like-minded organizations, and all Zimbabweans, to join, and/or rally behind this **Coalition For Change**, in order to achieve real freedom, justice, happiness and prosperity for all, under a new democratic dispensation.



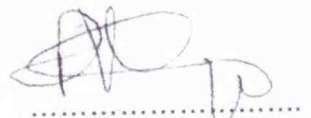
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