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Memorandum to the Government of South Africa

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From: Progressive Forces South Africa (PFSA)

To: The President of the Republic of South Africa and Relevant Government Authorities

Delivered to Union Buildings, Pretoria & Marine Building, Durban

Urgent Action on Illegal Immigration and Socio-Economic Protection for South African Citizens --- As concerned citizens of South Africa, we, the Progressive Forces South Africa (PFSA), stand united in demanding immediate action to address the pressing issues caused by illegal immigration.

Our country is facing significant challenges in terms of job security, public services, and social cohesion, exacerbated by the uncontrolled influx of undocumented foreign nationals. We, therefore, present this memorandum with the following key demands:

## 1. Sign the Immigration White Paper

We call upon the President and the Government of South Africa to immediately sign and implement the Immigration White Paper. This document is critical for overhauling the current immigration system, which is outdated and riddled with inefficiencies. - The White Paper offers a comprehensive approach to tightening immigration controls, ensuring better management of borders, and distinguishing between economic migrants and asylum seekers. - Implementing this policy will not only strengthen border control but also ensure that those who enter and remain in the country do so legally and in accordance with our laws. - By signing the White Paper, the government will signal its commitment to safeguarding the security, economic well-being, and social fabric of South Africa.

### • **Separate Treatment for Economic Migrants and Asylum Seekers:**

The White Paper suggests creating distinct pathways for economic migrants and asylum seekers. This differentiation will prevent the overburdening of the asylum system with cases that do not meet the criteria for refugee status, thus making the system more efficient and focused on genuine cases. We need our immigration laws to be upheld and enforced immediately. Asylum seekers who return to their countries and still come back as seeking refugee should have their permit revoked, deported and banned to come to South Africa under any permit.

### • **Strengthening Enforcement Mechanisms:**

The proposal includes the establishment of stronger enforcement mechanisms to handle illegal immigration more effectively. This would involve better training for immigration officers, the creation of immigration courts, and the formation of an immigration division to streamline appeal processes. It is observed that many of our security and law enforcement officials do not even know what this white paper is about and believe such information is deliberately not shared to further the agendas of these illegal foreigners thriving in South Africa and doing as they please.



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## 2. National Population and Boarder Security

We demand a full audit of the 2022 census to ensure the accuracy and transparency of population data. South Africa's socio-economic planning is dependent on reliable demographic data, which in turn informs resource allocation, infrastructure development, and public service delivery. - There is growing concern that illegal foreigners are not accounted for, which distorts our population figures and leads to the misallocation of resources. - An accurate census will allow the government to plan effectively and distribute resources fairly, prioritizing the needs of South African citizens. This audit is necessary for correcting any discrepancies and ensuring that future policies are based on reliable data.

As the citizens of South Africa, we are concerned that we are being invertedly told that our high PAYE and VAT taxes are contributing to the well-being of illegal foreigners. What is more concerning is that this is clearly done deliberately and South Africans were not consulted with this forceful integration with people who do not unfortunately respect our laws and cultures. We see the results of a poorly conducted censuses, affecting such areas but not limited to:

- **Healthcare System Impact:** According to a 2023 report by the South African Human Rights Commission, hospitals in Gauteng, Limpopo and Western Cape have reported being overwhelmed, partly due to the high number of illegal foreigners seeking care. On 20th September 2024 it has been reported that government mortuaries have more than 3000 unclaimed bodies of which 99% of them are foreigners. The introduction of the NHI health system is to address quality healthcare to all citizens of RSA and the Bill is yet to be implemented but our President is forcing citizens of RSA to share the little services with more than 5 mil foreigners.
- **Population Growth:** Illegal immigration contributes to rapid population growth in urban areas, exacerbating issues like housing shortages, informal settlements and overburdened electricity grid but yet government still want to welcome more foreigners into our country to continue to overload the already constrained basic services meant for citizens of this country. South Africans face a housing shortage and there is a rapid rise of "shacks", there are so many hijacked buildings in our CBD's which can be allocated as living space for South Africans but because of illegal migrants tis is now no longer a reality.
- **School Overcrowding:** Schools in areas with high numbers of illegal foreigners often face overcrowding, which negatively impacts the quality of education. Schools in our townships suffer the worst brunt of this problem by catering to the kids of illegal foreigners. South African government has a culture of rewarding lawlessness when it comes to illegal foreigners. We demand this comes to a stop.
- **Unemployment:** SA is leading with 33.5% unemployment rate with 60.8% being the youth of this country as per the stats published for Q2 of 2024 and falls in the top 10 worldwide. Our country can't continue to employ foreigners in non-scarce skills job when we have so many unemployed citizens. We need the president to issue a directive to all employers who are employing foreigners legal or illegal in jobs which citizens can do to remove all foreigners with immediate effect and employ citizens and that include government as well. We have witnessed the Department of Labour



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and Employment working with SAPS and immigration officials doing raids in the hospitality industry and we say to you Mr President that it is not enough. Last week DPSA published to have more than 5000 foreign nationals employed by the government while our own people continue to suffer with their qualifications. We need the critical skills list to be amended because it cannot be that South Africa with the best universities in the world and number 1 in the continent seek skills from other countries especially African continent. For those few critical skills jobs offered to foreigners, the government need to make sure there is a transfer of skills as per our labour law. The law is very clear when it comes to employing foreigners (Immigration Act 13 of 2002 and Employment Service Act 4 of 2014). We also need Section 38 of The immigration Act and Regulations to be implemented with immediate effect without fear or favour.

### **3. Enforce Mass Deportation of Illegal Foreigners**

It is very unfortunate that the government doesn't know the number of people residing in the country including the population of citizens of South Africa due to porous borders, fraudulently obtained RSA identity documents and identity theft. As it stands South Africa is the most unequal country in the world, number 1 on the unemployment world statistics and one of the most unsafe country in the world. A lot of criminal cases have been withdrawn due to untraceable people. Nigerians contribute to drug related, fraud and human trafficking cases, Zimbabweans contribute to destruction of infrastructure, farm murders, car highjacking, smuggling of illicit cigarettes, smuggling of explosives and robbery while Somalians are busy selling our people poisonous food in their spaza shops. All the above foreign nationals have their own countrymen who are busy selling fake identity documents in their salons, internet cafes, restaurants, scrap yards and spaza shops. We ask you Mr. President why is it that opening a business by a foreign national is so easy regardless of the Act requiring R5 mil minimum investment? Yourself Mr. President was campaigning in a shop owned by a foreign national during elections the same shops that are selling our people poisonous and expired foodstuff, enough is enough now.

All our point of entry borders are porous and contributing to all kind of criminal activities. Every week the Hawks are arresting foreigners at OR Tambo international airport who are trafficking/ smuggling drugs into our country. On a daily basis there is a criminal in South Africa being arrested for drug peddling and yet government has decided to turn a blind eye and everyday foreign nations are being arrested for different crimes. Porous borders are the cause of car hijacking (leaving through the Lebombo and Beitbridge border post), counterfeit goods (which affect our tax revenue), illicit cigarettes, explosives which are used for cash in transit heist and ATM bombing (Beitbridge border post), Human trafficking, drug trafficking and influx of illegal foreigners. We therefore require the president to secure our borders with immediate effect because as citizens we cannot continue to live with untraceable people who are illegal in our country while government officials are protected using our tax money by SAPS, SANDF and VIP Protection Unit which cost the country more than R2 billion per year but failing to secure our borders with our tax. The latest contract to secure our boarder between South Africa and Zimbabwe was declared invalid in March 2022 but nothing has been done to remedy the situation till today.



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## OUR DEMANDS:

- **Declare state of emergency in terms of Section 1(1) of the Act which will require all foreign nationals to return to their country of origin and re-apply for new visas while in their country.**
- **Build a wall between RSA and Zimbabwe and activate all necessary measures to guard our borders during the state of emergency.**
- **Block all fraudulently obtained and duplicate identity document.**
- **Ban Nigerian nationals from coming to South Africa and cancel all Refugee permit and/ Section 22 permit issued to foreign nationals who don't qualify to be in SA as per our Immigration Act 13 of 2002 and Article 31 of the 1951 Convention.**
- **Close all businesses belonging to foreign nationals which do not meet the requirements to operate in South Africa as per our law.**
- **Close all political party offices of foreign parties in South Africa.**
- **Close all foreign NGOs**
- **All foreign nationals who are hired in non-scarce skills jobs should be replaced by citizens of South Africa and stop issuing work visas until the unemployment rate of RSA is below 4%. All SADC countries have reserved certain sectors for only citizens and we demand the same with RSA without labelling us xenophobic.**
- **Foreign embassies in RSA should take responsibility for the mess created by their citizens and should pay for all expenses incurred in jail/ hospitals by their citizens.**
- **The UNHRC should build refugee camps as it is done in other countries and all refugees should leave communities within 3 months from today.**

## INCONCLUSION:

Mr president, for as long as your government continue to ignore our grievances and allowing lawlessness to excel in our country then we will continue to fight to restore law and order in our country. As citizens of SA this is our only home and we are not ready to be refugees in another country just because your government want to be a hero to some failed states in the continent. We are the voters in this land so our needs should be priority before that of the UNHRC. We are ready to fight any organization that wants to oppress citizens in their own country even if it's the last thing to do on this earth. Mr president this invasion by foreigners has led us to stand up and defend our sovereignty and this is the perfect time to choose between playing hero to failed states while



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pleasing the UN or protecting and defending US the citizens of this country who voted you in because we believed your manifesto when you said South Africans will be prioritized in their own country but unfortunately you have not placed citizens first like you promised instead you labelled US xenophobic when we demanded for Put South Africans First. You should take lesson from what happened in Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Turkey and recently in Kenya, we are hoping as South Africans we can avoid such, so we are pleading with you to listen to the citizens. Remember that you Mr President, Nigerian, Zimbabwean and Somalian embassies have ignored the memorandums we delivered to you previously and if you continue to ignore us then you will us no choice but to take it upon ourselves to enforce the laws of this country. **Remember the late Nelson Mandela once said “if the ANC does to you what the apartheid government did to you, then you must do to the ANC what you did to the apartheid government” when he was addressing the Congress of COSATU in 1994. We are ready to work with a government that is willing to serve us as well as to fight any government that wants to oppress us.**

**We are giving the President 14 days to respond with an action plan on how he plans to address our grievances and restore law and order in our country or THE CITIZENS SHALL GOVERN.**

**Delivered by: Progressive Forces South Africa**

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**Response date expected: 07 October 2024**



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