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MK PARTY CONFIRMS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION READINESS, SUPPORT FOR 30 JUNE MARCH, AND REAFFIRMS ORGANISATIONAL DISCIPLINE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION READINESS

The uMkhonto weSizwe Party (“MK Party”) is pleased to announce that preparations for the upcoming Local Government Elections are progressing at full speed through the Party's Regional and Provincial Elections Task Teams.

The Party is further pleased to announce that the official Nominations Framework and Election Guidelines will be released today. This marks a significant milestone in our election readiness programme and demonstrates the Party's commitment to ensuring a transparent, inclusive and well-organised candidate selection process.

The uMkhonto weSizwe Party hereby confirms its readiness to participate fully in the forthcoming Local Government Elections. We call upon all members, supporters and structures of the Party to support the work of our election teams and our councillor candidates as we prepare to take the MK Party's message to communities across South Africa.

The Party calls upon all its members, supporters and eligible South Africans to use this weekend's voter registration opportunity to register to vote and verify their registration details. Participation in elections begins with registration, and we encourage all citizens to ensure that they are correctly registered in their voting districts so that they can exercise their democratic right and contribute to shaping the future of their communities and the country.

PARTY UNITY, STABILITY AND LEADERSHIP

The uMkhonto weSizwe Party remains stable, united and focused on its organisational and political programme. The Party is encouraged by the continued growth of its structures across the country and remains confident in its ability to fulfil its mandate to the people of South Africa.

We are particularly grateful for the guidance, leadership and political wisdom of President Jacob Zuma, whose stewardship continues to provide direction and stability to the movement during this important phase of organisational development and election preparations.

YOUTH DAY PROGRAMME AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Party extends its sincere appreciation to the youth of Mpumalanga for their participation in the MK Party Youth Day programme held on 16 June. The enthusiasm, discipline and commitment demonstrated by young people in attendance reflects the growing strength and future of the movement.

The Party further congratulates its young Members of Parliament and organisational leaders for their outstanding work in organising and coordinating the success of the Youth Day programme. Their efforts ensured a well-structured, meaningful and impactful engagement with the youth, reinforcing the Party's commitment to youth empowerment and mobilisation.

PARTICIPATION IN THE 30 JUNE MARCH

The MK Party confirms that it will participate in the protest activity scheduled for 30 June 2026, which advocates for the enforcement of immigration laws and calls for the removal of illegal immigrants from South Africa.

The Party supports the planned march and related activities and encourages members to participate in a disciplined and lawful manner.

While the MK Party supports the 30 June protest action, the Party firmly calls upon all participants to conduct themselves in a peaceful, disciplined and lawful manner. The Party condemns any acts of violence, intimidation, destruction of property, looting or criminality that may arise during the course of the march. We urge all participants to respect the law, the rights of others and the authority of law enforcement agencies.

The purpose of the march is to peacefully express the concerns of South Africans, and any acts of violence or looting will not be supported or condoned by the uMkhonto weSizwe Party.

REJECTION OF FACTIONALISM AND PARALLEL STRUCTURES

The Party notes with concern that some members participated in a parallel Youth Day programme in Limpopo. The MK Party remains firmly opposed to the establishment of parallel programmes, structures and activities that create confusion amongst members and supporters.

The Party will not hesitate to act decisively against factionalism, parallel structures and any conduct that undermines organisational unity, discipline and cohesion. The MK Party remains committed to building a united, disciplined and effective movement under its recognised constitutional structures.

CALL FOR DISCIPLINE AND UNITY

The MK Party calls upon all members and supporters to remain disciplined, avoid speculation and refrain from conduct that may further divide the organisation.

Members are encouraged to allow the Party's constitutional processes to take their course and to remain focused on the mission of building a united, disciplined and effective movement capable of advancing the aspirations of the people of South Africa.

The Party remains steadfast in defending its constitutional order and ensuring that all members are held accountable to the same standards of conduct.

ORGANISATIONAL DISCIPLINE: THE DUDUZILE ZUMA-SAMBUDLA AND NHLAMULO NDHLELA MATTER

The National Officials have considered a series of actions, public statements and activities by Ms Duduzile Zuma-Sambudla and Mr Nhlamulo Ndhlela that have been found to be in conflict with the constitutional obligations of members and leaders of the MK Party and which have undermined organisational unity, discipline and cohesion.

In the case of Ms Duduzile Zuma-Sambudla, the Party has noted repeated public statements and social media publications that have undermined organisational unity, promoted factional narratives, publicly discredited recognised Party leadership structures, challenged the legitimacy of Party decisions and brought internal organisational matters into the public domain. These actions have contributed to divisions within the movement and have undermined confidence in the collective leadership of the organisation.

The Party has further noted her participation in and promotion of activities outside officially sanctioned Party programmes, including conduct that created confusion amongst members and supporters regarding the official position and programmes of the organisation. Such actions have had the effect of encouraging factionalism, creating competing centres of influence and weakening organisational discipline.

With regard to Mr Nhlamulo Ndhlela, the Party has identified conduct that includes acting without proper organisational authority, convening and addressing media briefings without the approval of recognised Party structures, misrepresenting Party positions and structures, participating in activities outside authorised Party programmes and engaging in actions that have created confusion regarding official Party processes and leadership arrangements.

The Party further notes with serious concern the conduct of both members following the passing of MK Party Member of Parliament, Muzi Ntshingila. Ms Duduzile Zuma-Sambudla and Mr Nhlamulo Ndhlela participated in an activity that resulted in the transfer of an ailing Mr Ntshingila to another health facility without the knowledge of his family.

The Party notes that neither individual had any authority to involve themselves in matters relating to Mr Ntshingila's illness or to separate him from his family. The Party also notes concerns regarding the removal of Mr Ntshingila's personal belongings from his parliamentary residence without the knowledge of his family.

Following complaints received from the Ntshingila family regarding public commentary and conduct surrounding the deceased, the Parliamentary Leader, Dr John Hlophe, instructed both members not to attend the funeral proceedings and to refrain from making public

statements, commentary or social media posts that could cause further distress to the family, particularly regarding the deceased and matters relating to his marital status.

As a Party, we extend our deepest apologies to the Ntshingila family for any distress caused during this difficult period.

Despite these clear instructions, both members failed to comply with the directive. Ms Zuma-Sambudla subsequently participated in social media commentary relating to the deceased. The Party regards this conduct as insensitive, disrespectful to a grieving family and inconsistent with the values, discipline and standards expected of members of the organisation. Their actions constituted a direct disregard of organisational authority and further aggravated divisions within the movement during a period of mourning.

Having carefully considered the seriousness, extent and cumulative impact of the conduct outlined above, the National Officials have resolved that Ms Duduzile Zuma-Sambudla and Mr Nhlamulo Ndhlela have acted in a manner fundamentally inconsistent with the values, discipline, constitutional principles and organisational interests of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party.

By virtue of section “2h” of the constitution: The President shall have the ultimate power to issue Presidential decrees on any matter pertaining to the operation, administration, and policy direction of the Party in the interest of the Party, which shall be binding on all levels of the organisation.

i. The President may determine and convene Policy and Consultative Conferences to discuss issues and matter deemed important for the growth of the organisation.

Accordingly, the uMkhonto weSizwe Party hereby announces the expulsion of Ms Duduzile Zuma-Sambudla and Mr Nhlamulo Ndhlela from the Party with immediate effect. Their membership of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party is hereby terminated, and they shall no longer enjoy any rights, privileges, responsibilities or authority associated with membership of the organisation.

Issued by the National Officials.

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