



## **EFF WELCOMES ADJOURNMENT OF PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT PROCEEDINGS AND REAFFIRMS FOR THE CALL FOR ROTATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

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The EFF welcomes the long-overdue adjournment of the Pan-African Parliament, after continuous disruptions and attempts by power mongers to undermine African Unity and the principles of the African Union.

The Pan-African Parliament, which is a statutory body of the African Union holds the potential to be a critical legislative oversight organ over nations in the continent. Its role in unifying the continent is seen in the multi-representative members of parliament from various political parties and member states.

We have unfortunately witnessed over the past few sittings a nefarious attempt by states that hail primarily from the Western African region, and are of Francophone orientation, to bully proceedings at PAP and hold onto positions in the bureau by force.

These attempts to undermine the AU principle of rotational leadership, which is the founding basis of collective solidarity since the inception of the Organization of African Unity must be condemned with the contempt they deserve.

There are elements in PAP that have long been identified to be neo-colonial and self-seeking. These elements are known to use positions and sittings of the institution to further their lavish lifestyles.

These individuals seem to be under the impression that PAP exists as a means to live fancy lifestyles, ignoring the critical objectives an organization of this nature ought to serve.

The call for rotational leadership is therefore a culture shock to individuals who have become accustomed to dictatorship and have no grasp of democracy. To rotate leadership of PAP, is to directly threaten monetary interests that have bankrolled them and seek to keep Africa as a junior nation in the world.

We commend the SADC-region and Northern-regions delegations, for refusing to turn PAP into a money-making scheme of power mongers.

We particularly commend the bravery of our Commander in Chief Julius Sello Malema, of South African delegate Pemmy Majodina and delegate from Zimbabwe Barbara Rwodzi for being fearless in their defense for a principle that is democratic and developmental.

They have stood up to the brutal patriarchy exhibited in chambers by men with low self-esteem, who had the audacity to assault and physically handle women would not back down on a principle of African unity.

The moment PAP is allowed to steer away from the principles of the African Union, will be when it will be surrendered to the hands of individuals who are accustomed to retaining power for too long in their countries.

The EFF further calls for the Mali's membership in PAP to be suspended, until such a time the political situation in the country is resolved. A nation that is in the process of violent usurping of power through a coup, and has further been expelled by the Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS), cannot be allowed to participate in PAP.

We must further put it on record that we are displeased by the lack of COVID-19 compliance at the sitting, whereby members were seated in close proximity, and others allowed to move around the venue to intimidate and provoke other members.

The EFF will continue to observe these proceedings and encourages all progressives to remain resolute and not surrender the generational mission of African Unity and Power.

No Rotation, No Election!

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