



## MEDIA STATEMENT

### ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS STATEMENT ON 2021 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COALITIONS

16 November 2021

The Economic Freedom Fighters' Central Command Team held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 adopted a framework for Local Government Elections and established a Negotiations Team led by EFF Deputy President Floyd Shivambu. The Negotiations Team was further comprised of the EFF Secretary General Marshal Dlamini, National Chairperson Veronica Mente, Commissars Mbuyiseni Ndlozi and Hlengiwe Mkhali and former National Chairperson Dali Mpofu.

**The principles and framework for local government elections coalitions included the following.**

- 1) Appreciation of the EFF 7 non-negotiable pillars for economic freedom in our lifetime.
- 2) Service delivery commitments with timelines particularly on land, jobs, water, electricity, flushing toilets, and care for people with disabilities.
- 3) Anti-racism—meaning that whatever coalition is an outcome of EFF participation must not reinforce white supremacy and Afrikanerdom.
- 4) An understanding that the EFF should exclusively govern in all municipalities in exchange of others, and where this happens, there should be agreement on oversight functions given to the coalition partner(s).
- 5) Non-interference in the appointment of municipal managers and all other senior managers.
- 6) Publication of all the concrete agreements reached with coalition partners to avoid a perception that there are secret agreements.

- 7) Constant and honest engagement and reports to the people on the progress made on coalitions.

**The CCT further mandated the Negotiations Team to enter into coalition negotiations which must be based on the following central policy positions:**

- 1) Amendment of the Constitution to realise Land Expropriation Without Compensation in 6 months.
- 2) Creation of State Bank in 12 Months.
- 3) Nationalisation of South African Reserve Bank in 12 months.
- 4) Cancellation of Student Debt in 12 months.
- 5) Creation of State Pharmaceutical Company in 12 months.
- 6) Passing of Insourcing Bill in 12 Months.
- 7) Die Stem must be removed from the National Anthem in 12 months.
- 8) Opening of Clinics for 24 hours, seven days a week.
- 9) Provision of Free Sanitary Towels for all who need them.
- 10) Provision of Free Water and Electricity for all SASSA beneficiaries.

Yesterday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2021, the Negotiations Team tabled a report to the War Council and adopted a posture to the composition of the Municipalities. As part of the engagements, the Negotiations Team met with the following political parties:

- 1) ACTION—SA
- 2) INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY
- 3) NORTHERN ALLIANCE FROM NELSON MANDELA BAY
- 4) MAP-16 AND ITS COALITION PARTNERS IN THE FREE STATE
- 5) DEFENDERS OF THE PEOPLE
- 6) AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

## **ACTION-SA**

The Negotiations Team held two official meetings with ACTION-SA in Johannesburg. While there was a degree of mutual understanding and to some extent agreements with ACTION-SA on the approach to Municipalities which they represented in, we learnt via media that ACTION-SA will not work with the EFF in the manner in which we had proposed. We respect ACTION-SA's decision on coalitions, and hope that their decision is autonomous from external influences.

## **INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY**

The Negotiations Team held one meeting with the IFP and established sufficient consensus to collaborate in many hung municipalities in KwaZulu Natal. The details of the agreement with the IFP will be published after their Special National Council Meeting which is taking place today.

## **NORTHERN ALLIANCE FROM NELSON MANDELA BAY**

The Negotiations Team held two meetings with the Northern Alliance and established agreement to vote together in Nelson Mandela Bay if both parties are going to field candidates for positions in the Municipality.

## **MAP-16 AND ITS COALITION PARTNERS IN THE FREE STATE**

The Negotiations Team met with MAP-16 and its coalition partners in Maluti-A-Phofung Municipality and agreed to constitute part of the voting bloc that will remove the ruling party from power in Maluti-A-Phofung.

## **AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS**

The Negotiations Team held two meetings with the ANC and did not establish any consensus on anything because the ANC delegation did not concede to any of the

negotiations principles and policies which we believe should form the foundation of any collaboration. Instead, the ANC wanted to rush into discussing power sharing and positions in municipalities before discussing the principles and policies raised by the EFF.

Based on this report War Council resolved to stop coalition discussions and negotiations with the ANC because they are failing to provide clear commitments and timelines on the key issues raised as basis for negotiations. The ANC was unable to give clear commitments on

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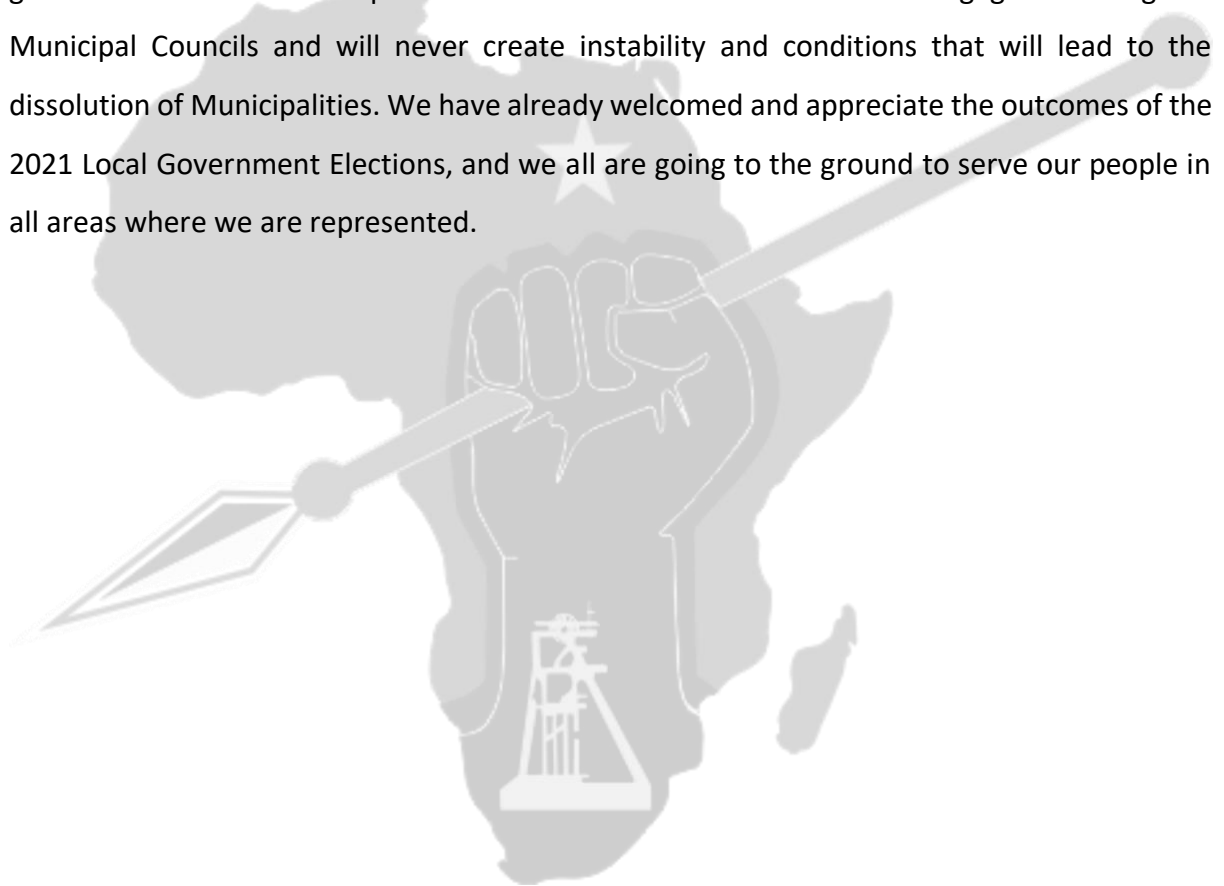
This is despite the EFF Negotiations Team giving the ANC an opportunity to present alternate timelines and deadlines on all these important policy questions.

## **WAY FORWARD**

- 1) The EFF will not be voting for and will not support any candidate put forward by the ANC in all Municipalities for all positions including positions of Speakers, Chief Whips and Mayors.
- 2) The EFF will not vote for Political Parties that did not approach us for coalition discussions.
- 3) In Municipalities where there is sufficient consensus and possibility to win, the EFF will field candidates for positions in the Municipalities, and in each instance, we will publish the basis, principles and policies of such collaborations.

## CONCLUSION

The EFF opened up its doors to all political parties in South Africa to have open and frank discussions and negotiations on coalitions because we are interested in establishing stable governments in all Municipalities in South Africa. We will not disengage in sittings of Municipal Councils and will never create instability and conditions that will lead to the dissolution of Municipalities. We have already welcomed and appreciate the outcomes of the 2021 Local Government Elections, and we all are going to the ground to serve our people in all areas where we are represented.



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