



EFF CONDEMNS HUAWEI FOR ITS EMPLOYMENT OF OVER 90% OF FOREIGN NATIONALS IN SOUTH AFRICA

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The EFF condemns communications giant Huawei, for reportedly hiring over 90% foreign nationals in its establishment in South Africa.

In what can only be regarded as a measure to super-exploit foreign nationals, Huawei has hired Africans from outside of the country almost exclusively, further entrenching the tensions between South Africans and our African counterparts.

Huawei is in direct violation of South Africa's Immigration laws and employment equity regulations which require a split of 60% South Africans to be employed, while there is a cap of 40% on the employment of foreign nationals.

Such irregular employment practices contribute to a volatile relationship between Africans, and they must immediately resolve the situation, because it gives credence to armed thugs to execute xenophobia in our society.

The proposed fine to Huawei, of 2% of their annual turnover must be utilised to stimulate job creation and assist small businesses that have been harshly affected by COVID-19 and related lockdowns.

Further to this, no foreign national must be fired from Huawei in order for them to comply with our employment equity policies. Rather, those employees must be spread out across the various plants and units of the company, and this may include Huawei expanding its investment in the South African economy.

Our relations with China, which stands as the only global competitor to imperialist domination of the economy including communications and digital technologies, must be enhanced. This can be done through educating them on the prevailing contradictions in South Africa's labour sector and unemployment.

The EFF will monitor the situation closely, and is pleased that our elevating of the need for a balance in employment practices has inspired the incompetent Labour Department to do its job.

This must be an opportunity to confront the employer, and not punish employees, and ensure that big business implements South African labour laws.

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