



EFF STATEMENT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE 12TH CENTRAL COMMAND TEAM MEETING AND THIRD PLENUM OF THE SECOND NATIONAL PEOPLES ASSEMBLY.

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The EFF convened the 12th Central Command Team meeting on the 21st of January and the 3rd Plenum of the 2nd National People's Assembly between the 22nd and the 23rd of January 2022. On the 24th of January 2022, we convened all EFF Councillors for political induction. The CCT meeting received a detailed elections report, which analysed the organisation performance in the recent 2021 Local Government Elections held on the 1st of November 2021. The CCT meeting noted the organisation growths in the past elections, as the organisation increased its share of total votes from 8% in 2016 to 10,3% in the 2021 Local Government Elections. In addition, the CCT welcomed a total number of municipal council public representatives, which increased from 826 in 2016 to 1 066 in 2021 Local Government elections.

The CCT acknowledged that the recent elections took place under the Coronavirus pandemic's difficult and abnormal conditions that have changed our lives and the economy. However, despite these challenges, the organisation was satisfied that, generally, fighters led a disciplined, courageous, and formidable campaign, contested all wards in South Africa and received votes in all wards.

The CCT took exception to the electoral decline of votes and seats in Limpopo. As a result, the CCT resolved to disband Limpopo Provincial Command Team (PCT), all Regional Command Teams and Branch Command Teams. The organisation will rebuild all constitutional structures and recruit members towards the Provincial People's Assembly. The CCT has deployed the following Commissars who will lead the organisation's process:

- Convener- Commissar Dr. Mbuyiseni Ndlozi
- Co-ordinator- Rebecca Mohlala
- Commissar Mgcini Tshwaku
- Commissar Jannette Komane
- Commissar Thembi Msane

- Commissar Leigh-Ann Mathys

These Commissars will immediately take full responsibility of all activities of the EFF in Limpopo Province and will appoint Fighters into the Provincial Interim Leadership Core and Regional Interim Leadership Core (RILC) to prepare for Regional and Provincial People's Assemblies.

All Provinces of the EFF will be convening their Provincial People's Assemblies before the end of 2022. All members of the EFF must towards the PPAs conduct themselves with maximum discipline. We will soon establish a Special National Disciplinary Committee, which will always attend to instances of ill-discipline, particularly towards the Provincial People's Assemblies.

The CCT has declared the year 2022 as "The Year of the Branch". What this means is that all structures and members of the EFF will be engaged in massive recruitment and building of strong branches with the aim of achieving 1 million members by December 2022. The EFF has the necessary organizational capacity to reach 1 million members and what is needed from all Ground Forces is consistent and disciplined hard work. Recruitment into the EFF will be in public spaces and those who seek to join will join openly and not recruited secretly in their home. All members of the EFF in good standing will go through induction to understand what the EFF stands for, our cardinal pillars and what we seek to achieve.

All branches of the EFF are called upon to use the Red Fridays as the main recruitment day in all the Voting Districts. EFF Members must put up stalls and gazebos in different public spaces and encourage as many people as possible to join the EFF in their numbers. There will be serious consequences for all Regions and Provinces that fail to meet their minimum targets because we are not going to be patient with EFF structures that do not produce satisfactory results.

The 3rd Plenum of the 2nd NPA was attended by all members of the Central Command Team, all members of the nine Provincial Command Teams, Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Treasurer of Regional Command Teams, and Officials of the Student Command Team. The Plenum was also attended by the EFF in Eswatini, Namibia and Lesotho, whom all offered messages of support and solidarity with the EFF.

Plenum went to commissions to conduct diagnostics, answer some of the prevailing questions and made practical and implementable proposals for consideration and adoption by the CCT.

Commission on Organisational Building

The Commission on organisation building deliberated on strategies and programmes to build solid and dependable branches of the organisation as basic units which all members should belong and participate. The commission made proposals of breakdown targets of membership for each province to reach one million. Each province and region has a target of members it must recruit within a specified period of time.

Commission on Elections:

The Commission on Elections deliberated on the organisation elections towards 2024 National Provincial Elections. The Commission made proposals of breakdown target number of voters each province, region, branch and voting district must talk to and capture their details in a database. The Commission also proposed a programme of non-monetary assistance to our people during door to door campaign, particularly to the elderly and people living with disabilities. Through #EFFCares, all branches of the EFF must embark on Touching Lives programmes which will practically improve the lives of our people.

Other Commissions that convened include the Commission on Finance and Fundraising, which looked at the state of organisation finances and ways to fundraise; the Commission on Governance that looked at the work of EFF Public Representatives and proposed strategies to link up the work between local government, provincial legislatures and Parliament to ensure maximum impact of the organisation oversight role and service delivery; and the Commission on Media and Communication looked at strategies to build a strong and capable communication arm of the organisation drive the political, social and economic dialogue in South Africa and the Continent.

The outcomes of the Commissions will be consolidated into an annual programme of action which will be communicated to all structures of the EFF.

The CCT and Plenum acknowledged the work of Fighter Baba Sebolai from Free State in Mangaung Region, a member of the Free State Provincial Command Team. Fighter Sebolai is the EFF Councillor in Mangaung who exposed the sewerage spillage that has been running in front of houses in Ward 16 Batho for more than 12 years now. Fighter Sebolai has been fighting the municipality over the dehumanizing conditions our people find themselves in. He is a role model of what it means to be a dedicated fighter, a servant of our people and a model

of a public representative. From here onwards, when Commissars, Fighters and Groundforces serve our people like Fighter Sebolai, champion service delivery and ensure that our people are helped, we will know them as Baba Sebolai Detachment.

As internationalists, we remain committed to the freedom and liberation of the people of Swaziland, Western Sahara and Palestine, who are denied the right to self-determination. As part of a concrete forward towards the 2022 programme of action, the Plenum also recommended that the CCT take practical and decisive intervention in the war against the despotic ruler in Eswatini. The organisation recognises that perhaps the time has arrived to assist the people of Eswatini in more practical ways than messages of solidarity.

We reiterate our call for the total reopening of our country, particularly the opening of Stadiums and public spaces so that people can return to their lives fully. The continued lockdown and restrictions are senseless and have no scientific basis.

We call on all our people to get vaccinated to prevent the spread of CORONA virus. We are however opposed to Mandatory Vaccination and will oppose anyone who seek to forcefully vaccinate our people. We demand that Government must broaden the options of vaccines available and not force people to take vaccines from the West only. Government must make sure that our people have access to Sinovac, which is approved and SAHPRA must finalize the authorization of Sputnik-V and Abdala Vaccine from Cuba. There is nowhere in the world where Sputnik-V is applied where there are negative consequences for its usage. Broadening the options of vaccines will play an important role in defeating vaccine hesitancy amongst our people.

We reiterate our call for a complete end to Gender Based Violence and Femicide. The abuse and killing of women must come to an end and all of us must be relentless in exposing women abusers. There will not be any EFF member who will engage in GBV and still remain members of the organization. We call on all other organizations, churches, non-governmental organizations, clubs, stokvels and all work places to isolate and banish people who are engaged in GBV.

We have written to the Speaker of Parliament that all EFF members of parliament are available to physically attend the State of Nation Address (SONA) and will not be limited to a certain number because even in the current regulations, more than 1000 people can gather inside a hall and the hall chosen for SONA purposes can accommodate more than 1000 people. No one will prevent EFF MPs from performing their constitutional duties of attending Parliament.

We congratulate the class of 2021 of Matriculants who despite the difficulties brought by the lockdown restrictions and closure of schools managed to write and pass their Matric. All EFF Commissars, Members of Parliament, Members of Provincial Legislatures and Councillors of the EFF will during this period work with the EFF Students' Command to ensure that all academically deserving students are registered in different Universities, Universities of Technology and TVET Colleges. We will do everything in our power to make sure that there is not even 1 student who is prevented from registration because of money.

The EFF condemns National Treasury's irrational and senseless acceptance of a loan from the World Bank. There's absolutely no sound reason why South Africa accepted a loan from the World Bank and it is evident now that even the Minister of Finance does not know the reason why South Africa accepted the loan.

What is evident though is that there is a clique within National Treasury or working with National Treasury that makes money through commissions and transaction advisory fees for raising money from the World Bank. We reject loans from the World Bank because they come with conditionalities which primarily undermine economic and policy sovereignty of our country. It is a fact that conditionalities from the World Bank, including through structural adjustment programmes have destroyed many underdeveloped and developing economies all over the world. It is therefore irrational to accept senseless loans with conditionalities from the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The EFF in South Africa will before the end of May 2022 convene an International Continental Summit of all EFF aligned structures all over the continent to talk about a progressive socialist agenda for the world ahead and giving each other practical support towards the establishment of the EFF all over the continent. As EFF structures in the continent we must support each other and must demand political and economic emancipation in all countries where they have not achieved such.

We as the EFF condemn the military take-over of political power in different parts of the African continent. Political power must exclusively be established through free, fair, transparent and democratic elections, and not through the barrel of a gun. We call on all regional bodies and the African Union to always decisively suppress military take-over of political power in each and every country. The military take-over in Burkina Faso must be suppressed and the Mali must be forced to transit towards civilian political power as a matter of urgency. We are aware that some of the these military take overs are instigated and funded by the erstwhile colonial

forces, particularly France which continues to micromanage the politics and economies of the countries it colonized. All progressive forces must rejected France's interferences in the African continent.

The EFF has agreed that in all EFF gatherings, we will establish vaccination sites for alternative vaccines, particularly CORONAVac from China's Sinovac, Sputnik-V from Russia and Abdala from Cuba. We reject South Africa's government imposition of vaccines from the West and will practically make sure that alternate vaccines are provided in order to achieve full vaccinations of our people to prevent the spread of CORONA virus. Even when we introduce alternate vaccines, we still never agree to mandatory vaccination. People must be persuaded and not forced to vaccinate.

On the 24th of January 2021, the organisation convened an Induction of all Public representatives. The induction was attended by leadership from various structures and more than 1100 EFF Public Representatives, including 1 066 councillors in the majority of across South Africa. The induction went through the EFF Founding Manifesto and the Public Representatives Code of Conduct. Public representatives deliberated on the founding manifesto and engaged on the code of conduct issues. All EFF councillors were made to understand the responsibility entrusted with them by our people. Particularly EFF councillors who are Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Speakers, Deputy Speakers, and Members of MMCs and chairpersons of committees in the municipal council.

We are more than convinced that the EFF has the best combinations of public representatives in all municipalities, who will be servants of the people. The organisation as a whole is in good health with maximum stability in all regions and determined membership who understand their responsibilities. We are more than ready to go consolidate the ground for socialist power and we will build strong branches and achieve the 1 million members before the end of 2022.

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