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Comrades, Ladies and Gentlemen,

MaAfrika amahle, sons and daughters of the soil, comrades and friends, today we use digital media to continue with our PAC tradition and practice to remember our political legacy and heritage. We cannot stop doing what is our practice and ritual to walk on the path of our founders on 6 April.

The Pan Africanist Congress of Azania was launched on 6 April 1959 in Soweto, at the Orlando Communal Hall. The Africanists were doing a formality to establish a liberation organization that was suitable to unite the African people into a united front under the banner of African Nationalism. This important project of national liberation was constantly being betrayed and subverted. It was even watered down to a mickey mouse game of civil rights and multiracialism, where white domination



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over Africa and its people was disguised to prevail and be carried out in a "free" future. **THE AFRICAN PEOPLE DESERVE BETTER.**

The Africanists were very clear that the date of 6 April 1652 and 6 April 1959 were the same. To mean that when Jan Van Riebeeck and the three ships arrived on the coast of the Cape Peninsula 1652, the indigenous people of Azania started a resistance movement to defend the colonization of their land. The PAC was continuing the project of the forefathers and mothers to defend their territory: the precious land given to the African people by God and our ancestors. **THE PAC DESERVES BETTER.**

Today in 2020, the African people are facing the spread of COVID-19 - a deadly novel coronavirus that has no cure or treatment. Coronavirus comes from the epicentres of the northern hemisphere. The PAC encourages the Azanian masses to fight and defeat the spread of coronavirus. **AZANIA DESERVES BETTER.**

Today Africa as a whole faces the threat of biological warfare in which some of the diseases are man-made to wipe out every living soul on the African continent. The PAC leadership is aware of the raging debate over the last few weeks where billionaires are intending to experiment with African people over vaccines that they allege are going to help Africa with these diseases. Why are they not experimenting the vaccines in their own countries? Africa is not their playground. We will sharply raise the matter with Government to determine the veracity and embark on own detailed research on the matter. The PAC says: **DO NOT MAKE AFRICA YOUR GUINEA PIGS AND LABORATORY RATS.**

Today in Africa the emerging economies of the various countries are facing a debilitating decline because of the lockdown measures to flatten the curve of Covid-19. The expected result of winning against the coronavirus will come with a setback of economic shutdown. The PAC



calls for the economic regions to consolidate their intra-African trade and workout a recovery plan that is without imperialist exploitation and neo-colonial restrictions. Africa must unite. The PAC says **AFRICA DESERVES BETTER.**

Today in South Africa a national state of disaster has been declared. The country is facing a lockdown. There are side effects that emerge from these measures. The majority of African people are living in slums, in shacks and squashed habitats that are below par of proper sanitation and hygienic standards. They are revealed to be unsuitable for measures to keep clean, safe distancing and to avoid Covid-19. We are aware of the poverty and inequality that exist in South Africa. The PAC fights for Azania: **THE AFRICAN LAND OF PEACE AND PLENTY. AZANIA DESERVES BETTER.**

The PAC is vehemently opposed any brutality against the African people unleashed by security forces under the pretext of combating the spread of COVID-19 and thus far has provided members and the public with information to combat these wicked acts.

We are also aware of corrupt practices and somersaulting by Government, thus sending confusion and mixed signals to the public, which we have brought to the attention of the country's President. Furthermore the PAC has also created internal platforms where these mischievous deeds can be reported, acted upon and culprits be brought to account.

Concerted political and neo-colonialism war is also being waged against the Africans under the ploy of rating agencies which is nothing short of economic war. These are compounded by past and present corrupt practices of the ruling party which PAC has raised since the Arms Deal. Corruption affects the poor the most as in the case of Eskom load shedding, state capture and rampant increase of gap between poor and rich. The PAC will continue to raise these ugly misdeeds of the ruling elites.



Today the PAC is fighting a court battle with one individual who is trying by all means to put the brakes and stop the unity of the Africanists. The individual has up to date not filed record of appeal in the Supreme Court of Appeal. The individual was defeated in two court cases where he was trying to invent a parallel structure of the organization, and spread the virus of divisions and chaos among our followers.

Our organisation is marching forward with many progressive programs including ensuring that all information on the activities of the organisation is accessible, there is membership growth and head office is responsive, effective and modernised. Policies are currently being reviewed in preparation for National Conference later this year. PAC programme of action will be rolled out in the immediate future and all structure will be functional before end of the year.

All PAC National Executive Committee members should perform the work that they were elected for and much progress is being made in this regard. PAC representatives' at all legislative spheres of government should be held to account on matters they are undertaking in these institutions and work with our communities.

We recommit to be like Sobukwe and defend his legacy. The theme for this year, Azania Deserve Better, will be upheld in all our actions, talk, belief and psychological posture. To those who wish for us to curse, insult and fight the dead, in Sobukwe's words we say *"...Moreover a doctrine of hate can never take people anywhere. It is too exacting. It warps the mind... And I am sure that I speaking for the whole of young Africa when I say that we are prepared to work with any man who is fighting for the Liberation of Africa WITHIN OUR LIFE-TIME"*

The PAC call upon all our members to **COME AND, LIKE US, BE MEMBERS OF THE SAME BRANCH, AND BRANCHES OF THE SAME TREE.** The PAC is a tree rooted in the soil of Africa, watered by the rivers of Africa. **THE PAC DESERVES BETTER.**



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