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## **COSATU E.C. REFUSE TO BE INTIMIDATED BY TWISTED TENDENCIES**

COSATU unions in Eastern Cape vow to continue to defend the Federation from those who seek to destroy it and take it out of pockets of individuals.

COSATU Provincial Shopsteward Council Eastern Cape took place on the 8 March 2014 at Holiday Inn Garden Court in East London again in the absence of Provincial Office Bearers who continue to defy the call by the masses of workers in the Province.

The Cosatu Shopsteward council attended by majority of the Unions , unanimously agreed that COSATU in the province is non-functional and therefore drastic actions are needed to bring back her vibrant form as it is toothless under both Provincial and National leadership.

The deliberations expressed a unanimous view that the National Office Bearers must announce the date of a Cosatu Special National Congress with immediate effect. The shopsteward council further expressed shock on the non-convening of the Special National Congress by the President of Cosatu who is citing finances as an excuse, if indeed it is a challenge. The Shopsteward Council made it clear that all we need is the Venue for the Special National Congress and all other logistics to be left to the Affiliates to organize including documentation needed for the Congress.

The Shopsteward Council further endorsed the Special Provincial Congress on the 22 March 2014 to address the predicament this province is confronted with and put it to its logical conclusion.

The shopstewards council was very angry with continuous statements by the COSATU NOBs in particular Sidumo Dlamini which are divisive and are far from the truth and real situation on the ground. He is further missing a point by a weak black mail that Eastern Cape is being tribalistic while in fact it is him and his grouping that are factional. In Gauteng shopsteward council he could not be allowed speak ; his faction of SADTU NWC could not speak or finish their business in Free State last week and various other gatherings throughout the country which they could not be allowed or being questioned of the whereabouts of Comrade Vavi and Comrade Ntola, SADTU president.

The crisis they brought to COSATU is national; hence it is a concern of everyone and a call for the convening of a Special National Congress immediately.

With regard to Provincial Office Bearers we think they should be reminded that their plight depends at this province as they were not elected by the CEC OR NOBs who are confusing them that they will defend them.

The special provincial congress is to determine their future, we are seek and tired of people who want step up the ladder at the back of workers those who want to go to parliament must go now and not want to go after having destroyed this gigantic Federation of trade unions. In fact even the ANC has to clarify us if they are prepared to deploy people who are messing up COSATU with the hope of going to parliament, if they act on their instruction?

We are told that the NOBs & CEC delegates are coming to the Eastern Cape PEC to confirm that both these comrades at national and provincial are not organisational the reason for such visit is already on media. Through Pres Sdumo and Mandla Rayi respectively we are more than ready to welcome them as we have long asked for this platform from September 2013. But ever since we expressed a different view from them we were subjected to all fanny names without being engaged.

The decisions taken at the Cosatu shopstewards council are as follows:-

- ✚ Re-instate The General Secretary with immediate effect
- ✚ Re-instate The President of SADTU with immediate effect
- ✚ Convene the Special National Congress with immediate effect
- ✚ Convene a Cosatu Provincial Special congress
- ✚ You expel NUMSA you will face the mighty all of us.

Hands off COSATU: Hands off Zwelinzima Vavi

Hands off Thobile Ntola:

Hands off NUMSA

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