



## **Join the Night Vigil Wednesday 26 March!**

**Hands Off Comrade Zwelinzima Vavi Hands Off!**

**Drop the Suspension! Comrade Vavi Back to Work!**

**Step up the fight for a Special National Congress to save COSATU!**

**Hands Off NUMSA and the Nine Progressive Affiliates Hands Off!**

On Thursday and Friday 27 and 28 March 2014, Comrade Zwelinzima Vavi will be going to court to challenge his suspension from COSATU. His counsel will argue that the internal procedures supposed to have been used to deal with the matter have been completely flouted.

It has taken the COSATU National Office Bearers **8 months** to cobble together a fictitious charge-sheet, that has cost millions of rands of workers money. The spurious charges levelled against Comrade Vavi are not worth the paper they are written on. In fact he has been wrongly suspended for eight months for a matter that could have been dealt with internally in 48 hours. His rights have been trodden into the ground, he has been insulted and his reputation has been attacked. The use of slanderous unattributed leaks to the press have been used to discredit him. A fair hearing after such manipulation and time wasting can no longer be guaranteed. This wasteful victimisation has to stop now! Drop the Suspension! Comrade Vavi Back to Work Now!

As the 9 Affiliates we know the attacks on Comrade Vavi are part of a reactionary strategy to turn COSATU into a toothless lap dog of the ruling elite. The current leadership faction know that Comrade Vavi remains immensely popular because he is not afraid to speak out on corruption, poverty, inequality and on the need for an alternative to the neo-liberal economic policies that are impoverishing our people. Forces in the ANC Government, supported by the leadership of the SACP are trying to silence Comrade Vavi! Don't let them!

There are serious attempts to divide the 9 affiliates by devious means including using state resources, and focussing attacks on NUMSA. However, we remain as united and as committed as ever to campaign for a Special National Congress of COSATU, for the re-instatement of Comrade Zwelinzima Vavi, and for end to all victimisations of COSATU affiliates.

Every day, more workers are supporting our demands beyond the Nine Affiliates, in many other Unions. We urge all workers to join the winning team! Let your voice be heard!

**An Injury to One is an Injury to All. Support the Vigil on 26 March at 6pm and the Day Time Pickets on 27 and 28 March at the South Gauteng High Court, Pritchard Street, Joburg! Mobilise! Organise!**

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