

## From the Office of The Secretary General



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## INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

FROM: SECRETARY GENERAL

TO: ALL NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

RE: REPLY TO CHIEF NDLOVU'S ACCUSATIONS

Yesterday the Acting Deputy Treasurer General wrote a letter to all EOC delegates were he made serious accusations against me. The accusations are false and malicious and were calculated to affect my chances at the Congress. They were also calculated to cause my arrest and detention just before Congress. This was planned with one Murimoga who was instructed to make a false report to the Police and SACU. The Treasurer General is currently out of the country. The correct position regarding the party finances is as follows:

- 1. The Party received ZWL 7.9 million around June 2020. Of this amount a total of ZWL 3.5 million was set aside for congress. This translated into USD \$35 000 and was put in the custody of the Acting Treasurer General.
- 2. The party then received another ZWL \$14.9 million as part of the government grant. The Finance and Administration Committee chaired by the Secretary General sat and resolved on how this money was to be spent. Specifically it set aside money for Congress. Its recommendations were adopted by the Standing Committee chaired by the Acting President. Mr Chief Ndlovu sat and actively participated in both the meetings of the Finance and Administration Committee and the Standing Committee meetings.
- 3. Unfortunately on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2020, the Extraordinary Congress was postponed. However, some delegates had already travelled but their travel expenses had to be paid still.
- 4. The National Standing Committee then sat and reviewed the party's financial position. It unanimously agreed that the money for Congress was no longer enough. The President, National Chairman and the Secretary General were

- then tasked to raise some more resources for Congress to deal with the transportation of the delegates of congress.
- 5. The Standing Committee also received a breakdown of all the expenses incurred to date including preparation of the voter's roll and ballot papers etc. The statement also gave the amount of money that the party has at hand.
- 6. From the breakdown given so far, it is clear that of the ZWL 14.9 million no money is missing at all. This breakdown given to the Standing Committee is open for inspection by all party members.
- 7. The impression created that money can be withdrawn from our bank by one person is clearly false. In order to remove money from our account there is always more than one Department involved. There is no way one person can withdraw money from our accounts.
- 8. What has been clear to me over the past few weeks is the extent to which my colleagues can go to frustrate me. They have been extremely dirty and have even tried to abuse government institutions like the police in order to avoid competition. This is the type of politics that we will definitely get rid off.
- 9. The Secretary General does not and has never handled any money except money given to him.
- 10. Equally it is wrong for a Treasurer to fail to distinguish his duties from those of a cashier.
- 11.All my financial dealings in my capacity as Secretary General have always been above Board and in terms of the constitution of the party.
- 12.It is regrettable that to date the party does not have a substantive Treasurer General. We need a person with experience to run that Department.
- 13. The problem we have had is the absence of a Treasurer at crucial moments. For example, Mr Ndlovu, well knowing that we have an Extraordinary Congress is currently out of the country!
- 14. The tragedy of the current Treasury is that it has dismally failed to raise a single cent for the party.
- 15. We hope that our delegates will not be deterred by these lies and baseless accusations.

Signed:-

D.T. Mwonzora

**Secretary General**