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The Secretary  
Feasibility Committee  
JOHANNESBURG  
2000

Dear Comrades

We of the United Democratic Front declare our solidarity with you in your search for greater unity of the workers of our country as represented by your meeting.

The working class discovered the importance of unity even before unions were permitted. As a result the struggle for the right to organise themselves was one of their just demands. At every turn since then workers have intensified their efforts to increase unity within their RANKS. Your present attempt is, therefore, correctly conceived and deserves all possible support.

But workers must also be organised beyond factory premises. In the buses where they are the majority of commuters, in the townships where they are the majority tenants, in hostels where they are forced to lead a life that is unworthy of human beings and in squatter-camps where they have no houses. Some of our own efforts in the UDF are inspired by these observations. We are, however, acutely aware that our operations form one whole with yours at factory level. Our interest in the success of your initiative stems in part from this outlook.

We must also add that in the struggle for democratic rights the disenfranchised sections of the working class needs an alliance with other progressive classes and strata of our country's population. It is our earnest conviction that the UDF is the proper forum for workers to interact with other progressive classes and strata whilst retaining their independence to pursue peculiar to themselves.

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Hence our call to unions to join the UDF and give it its truly national character.

Once more we salute your Feasibility Committee meeting. May your deliberations be truly fruitful and bring us nearer greater unity than ever before.

AMANDLA!            MATLA!

Yours in struggle against exploitation

Mosiua Lekota

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