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The General Council
United Democratic Front (Eastern Cape)
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Dear Comrades,

Re: Workshop to plan Election Campaign

We note that a workshop was held over the weekend of the 16-17 June in the Gelvandale Creche to plan the UDF (Eastern Cape) campaign for the forthcoming elections. This workshop seems to have been very successful and we regard it and the fact that it involved people from outside the Eastern Cape as both being very positive developments. Two other factors, however, should also be noted:

1. There is a ~~very~~ small but - in Eastern Cape terms - politically important "coloured" community in Grahamstown, and the task of mobilising this community is possibly the most difficult one facing the UDF in Grahamstown at the moment
2. Neither the Grahamstown Adhoc MSC Committee nor any UDF affiliate in Grahamstown was consulted about or officially informed of or invited to this workshop.

We feel that, under the circumstances, we need some clarity about a number of questions:

1. Who (which UDF individuals or affiliate) planned the workshop?
2. Why was the workshop not discussed at the appropriate level in UDF i.e. at the REC or RGC, particularly as other comrades from different regions were helping with it (something which we had no prior knowledge)?
3. Why were we, in particular, not consulted ^{about} or invited to or officially informed of the workshop?

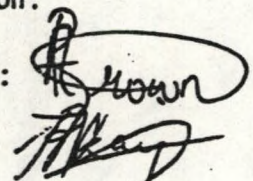
Comrades, we ask these questions only because we in Grahamstown face numerous difficulties and because we require all the help and support we can get from the rest of the region. If we in the Eastern Cape are to be successful in the huge political tasks that presently confront us we cannot at any stage afford a lack of intra-~~organizational~~ ^{regional} co-ordination and/or adequate consultation emerge as problems which might undermine us. We feel, therefore, that the GC should discuss the questions we have put and that, if mistakes have been made, all steps should be taken to ensure that they do not recur in the future.

We would also like some indication of the outcome (major decisions, plans, etc) of the workshop so as to assist us in our planning for the elections locally.

Yours in the struggle,

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