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## COPE CALLS FOR REMOVAL OF ANC AND ITS ALLIES FROM POWER CENTRES

For immediate release:

The corrupt ANC, leading the oxymoronic GNU/Coalition government, owes the people of South Africa the truth.

The ANC's misdiagnosis of its loss of power - attributing it to the rise of so-called tribal or ethnopolitical populism - is disingenuous and a mere distraction. This attempt to shift blame away from the real issues is a scarecrow, at best.

The root cause of their decline is their 16 years of arrogant, divisive, and exclusionary leadership, coupled with poor governance and mismanagement. The decline directly results from their failures: years of corruption, economic mismanagement, harsh austerity measures, and a high cost of living that has burdened the majority. The suffering endured by many is a consequence of being excluded from the economic benefits of our democracy by corrupt elites.

The ANC has failed to learn from its mistakes and continues to deceive itself and the increasingly discerning electorate. Their attempts to mislead will not succeed.

We urge the people to keep mobilizing and organizing to remove them and their collaborators from all centres of power. This is essential for setting a new course towards an inclusive developmental economic agenda, to build prosperity for everyone.

COPE remains committed to prioritizing the interests of all people in its efforts to re-emerge as a force for positive change.

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