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PRESIDENT MAY DAY SPEECH

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Amadla! !!!!Viva Nactu Viva!!!!Long live the undying, relentless, and uncompromising spirit of the workers long live!!!igama lamakhosikazi malibongwe!!Phantsi nge Gender Based Violence Phantsi!!!!

Revolutionary greetings to you all and all protocol religiously observed. Let us observe a minute silence in respect of all our fallen Cdes and particularly our Lilly Mine Workers who are still languishing underground and Marikana Workers who died in the line of duty demanding what is rightfully theirs and declare that no Workers' Day will be complete until their bodies are retrieved and laid to their respectful resting place and their families find closure. We demand that their bodies be retrieved

It is with great humility and respect that I address you on this important Workers Day in the midst of the worst electricity crisis ever. The state of disaster has been declared and withdrawn within a short time. Jobs are ravaged, annihilated, and haemorrhaged. THE ONLY BEST THING THAT THE WORKERS OWN IS THE COUNTRY "S DEBT

As the vanguard of the workers, we have also not provided much hope to the masses and hence the workers now trust the churches more than the unions. The massive job losses and unemployment has negatively impacted on organised labour 's bargaining power and strength. It seems like we have regressed from our gains of democracy not freedom:

- Government has reneged on Collective Bargaining and Public Service workers didn't get their increment for the last leg of Resolution 1/2018
- The right to strike in the Public Service was interdicted even though it was legal
- Corporate/Business is not prepared to transform as evidenced by Employment equity Act having to be amended
- Shortage of Labour inspectors to enforce compliance

We must identify opportunities for job creation and job retention to reboot our economy and as thus NACTU demands:

- localisation of manufacturing & production in the form of legislation and gazette and not lip service,
- land restitutions must be expedited including our oceans and that includes the renaming of our Oceans to East African/Azanian ocean and West African/Azanian ocean cos there's no logic in what India has to do with our ocean so many nautical miles away from Africa. We have to conscientize our people that these oceans belong to us so we must harvest them. Same goes for the Atlantic, we cannot allow ourselves to be brainwashed
- Urgent removal of 80% of non-deciduous trees and replacing with deciduous trees
- Urgent Utilisation of all arable land to plant vegetables to minimise the impact of food inflation

In closing I would like to say that we will always be indebted to the workers, who are taxpayers of this country but feed the heartless looters, who care less about service provision and delivery, high unemployment, workers livelihoods but are ensuring that the feeding trough is empty

Let's mobilise, organise, recruit and unite in the struggle for workers emancipation and, at all material times, defend the revolutionary spirit of the workers for the benefit of the workers

NACTU CARES and BE SAFE

AMANDLA!!!!!!!!!!FORWARD ALWAYS-BACKWARD NEVER!!!!!!!!!!ALUTA CONTINUA!!!!!!LA
REVOLUCION UNON!!!!