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PRESS STATEMENT

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Comrades, Workers, Students, and Revolutionary Masses of Southern Africa,

On this historic day, as we commemorate International Workers' Day, the Southern African Students' Union (SASU) stands in militant solidarity with the toiling masses of Africa and the world. We salute the sacrifices of workers, peasants, and students who have fought and continue to fight against capitalist exploitation, imperialist domination, and neocolonial subjugation.

This year's SADC May Day theme resonates deeply with our revolutionary Pan Africanist and Leninist principles. We recognize that the emancipation of the African working class is inseparable from the total liberation of Africa from the clutches of monopoly capital and imperialist looters. The struggle for workers' rights is not merely about wages, it is about dismantling the entire system of oppression and building a socialist Africa, where the wealth of our land benefits the people, not foreign corporations and local comprador elites.

The Crisis of Capitalism and the Urgency of Pan-African Socialism

Under capitalism, Southern Africa remains a neo-colony, its resources plundered while our people suffer unemployment, poverty, and state repression. The recent waves of privatization, austerity, and corporate land grabs prove that the bourgeoisie will never willingly surrender power. The working class, organized students, workers, and peasants, must take revolutionary action to seize the means of production and establish a **Democratic Socialist Federation of Southern Africa**, where economic planning serves the people, not profit.

Lenin taught us that without revolutionary theory, there can be no revolutionary movement. Today, we must fuse Marxist-Leninist science with the militant tradition of Pan-Africanism from Thomas Sankara's Burkina Faso to Samora Machel's Mozambique to forge a new path. The student movement must align itself with the working class, for only through worker-student unity can we smash the bourgeois state and erect a proletarian government.

Wages disparities are common, with many workers eaning below living wage standards. In some countries, there is a significant gab between the richest and poorest, exacerbating income inequality thus honor women in all their diversity who are holding it all together, on the frontlines in homes in movements. Unpaid underpaid unseen unrelenting.

Our Revolutionary Demands

On this Workers' Day, SASU declares:

1. **Free Education for the Proletariat!** Abolish student debt; education must be a right, not a commodity.
2. **Work-Student Councils!** Build militant soviets (workers' councils) to prepare for revolutionary power.
3. **Solidarity with Global Struggles!** Our struggle is one from Palestine to Western Sahara, Haiti to Sudan!

Forward to the Socialist United States of Africa!

The time for reformism is over. The ruling class will never grant liberation it must be seized! SASU calls on all progressive forces to unite under the banner of **Revolutionary Pan-Africanism and Marxism-Leninism**, to study, organize, and fight for the final overthrow of capitalism in our lifetime.

ALUTA CONTINUA! THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES!
VICTORY IS CERTAIN!

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