

INTRODUCTION TO THE MEMORANDUM, PRESENTED BY SHEPARD MDLADLANA - PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEMOCRATIC TEACHERS UNION (SADTU)

We the people of South Africa gathered on this day 18 March 1992 on the Grand Parade in Cape Town - want all the world to know that we declare the apartheid budget to be an illegitimate budget. It is unrepresentative of the vast majority of the people of South Africa. It is a budget designed to maintain the privileges and rights of a tiny minority at the expense of the vast majority of oppressed people.

We demand from the present illegitimate government that the Budget must incorporate the principle of a just and equitable distribution of all the country's resources. The new budget must make provision for the redress of past inequalities. In it all South Africans should have decent shelter, fair taxation, adequate health care, graceful old age, fair use of the land, a living wage, protection from social violence and all forms of discrimination and an education that benefits both the individual and the society.