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On Budget Day tomorrow, Cyril Ramaphosa, Chris Hani and Jay Naidoo will demand entry into parliament in order to present the economic demands of the people.

This will be the culmination of the People's Budget rally and march starting on the Parade at 1pm Wednesday 18 March.

The action has been organised by the ANC, COSATU, the SACP and other organisations to draw attention to the illegitimacy of the present racially constituted tricameral parliament and will highlight the continued inequalities in spending on pensions, education and other areas. Despite an appearance of change, the allocation of government funding is still firmly entrenched along racial lines.

We will reiterate our demands for an Interim Government to rule the country during the transition as well as an elected Constituent Assembly to draw up a new constitution. Organisations and unions representing the different sectors have drawn up demands which have been incorporated into a symbolic People's Budget - to be presented to parliament as was the People's Parliament bill.

Speakers on the Parade will include the three Secretaries-General of the ANC, SACP and COSATU as well as Winnie Mandela, John Gomomo, Joe Slovo and Allan Boesak, ANC Regional Chairperson.

The People's Budget Rally will take place the day before the arrival of Dr Nelson Mandela who will be in the Western Cape from the 19th to 23rd March.

****There will be a press conference in the City Hall after the People's Budget March at 3.30. The national leadership will be available to discuss the march and respond to the referendum result and its implications for Codesa and the way forward.**

Please note that from 10.30 tomorrow, the ANC will be contactable at the City Hall Command Centre 462-3077.

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