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= to 'scenario' sans
sunset clauses and cooption
into de Klerk Cabinet.

COSATU PROGRAMME OF ACTION MARCH- JUNE 1992

The COSATU Central Executive Committee identified the following 10 key demands around which action would be taken in the coming period:

1. Sovereign Interim Government by June 1992 and democratic elections for a Constituent Assembly by the end of this year.
2. An immediate end to unilateral structuring of the economy, including privatisation, tariff removals, pensions, and other measures leading to economic hardships and retrenchments.
3. The urgent setting up of a National Economic Negotiating Forum involving government, trade unions and business.
4. Lowering of food prices, and the removal of VAT on basic foodstuffs, medicines, doctors fees, electricity and water.
5. Restructuring of National Manpower Commission, and the full, rapid extension of rights to farm, domestic, public sector and bantustan workers.
6. Decisive measures to end vigilante and state-sponsored violence
7. The immediate release of remaining political prisoners, and general amnesty for remaining exiles.
8. Integration of security forces.
9. The immediate restoration of citizenship to all people in the TBVC areas, and the reincorporation of TBVC "states".
10. The creation of a democratic undivided South African state. No to forced coalition governments and "federalism"!



PROCESS - STEPS TO ACHIEVE THESE DEMANDS

1. BUDGET DAY - PEOPLES REFERENDUM 18 MARCH 1992

The following demands should be tabled during marches, pickets and other forms of action taking place throughout the country.

*VAT : removal of VAT on basic foods, medicines electricity and water. No increase in VAT rate, or removal of exemptions.

* Food prices: government must guarantee that prices on staple foods will not be increased until next year.

* Pensions: parity in pensions immediately and scrapping of present bill

* Eastern Cape and Northern Transvaal regions to focus mainly on restoration of citizenship and an end to brutal rule.

The main march, on parliament in Cape Town, will be led by Cyril Ramaphosa, John Gomomo, and Jay Naidoo. The full list of national marches/pickets will be released during the course of this week

2. SHARPEVILLE DAY: 21 MARCH 1992

Focus will be on the following demands-

*Interim Government and Constituent Assembly

*Restoration of Citizenship

*No to forced coalition and fragmentation of South Africa

*Creation of free political climate and integration of security forces

3. ECONOMIC POLICY CONFERENCE 27-29 MARCH 1992

Assess and evaluate government/business response on :
NENF; VAT; Food Prices; Pensions and labour legislation.

The conference will recommend forms of action to COSATU Executive to ensure government/business respond positively, including the refusal to pay PAYE, and other forms of mass action.

4. ALLIANCE SUMMIT MID-APRIL

We are proposing, subject to discussion with our alliance partners, to call a summit to develop a common alliance platform on burning economic and political issues. This alliance summit would assess progress of all Codesa working groups and to decide on forms of action if demands are not met by CODESA 2.

5. MAY DAY

Rallies throughout the country, together with NACTU, SACP and ANC, will deal with the following:

- Report on CODESA 2**
- Decisions of Alliance Summit**
- Trade union unity**
- Report on economic forum, VAT, Food Prices**
- Mandates for workers summit**
- Report on labour legislation**

6. WORKERS SUMMIT- END OF MAY

Involving COSATU, NACTU and other unions

- Report of issues listed above (under May Day)**
- Adopt workers charter/ document on workers rights**
- Decide on sustained national mass action, to take place around July, if above demands have not been met.**