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WOZA means 'Come forward'. By women for women and with women, across race, colour, creed, class or political persuasion. Empowering women to be courageous, caring, committed and in communication with their communities.



Its time to sweat for a Love that's the real deal. Demand your rose;
Demand a dignified constitution written with love so that it mends our broken hearts.

Happy Valentines Day Zimbabwe!

The RISING of the women means the RISING of the nation
No more poverty and starvation, many sweating for a few to benefit!

Kusimuka kwemadzimai- kusimuka Kwenyika,
Hakusisina hurombo uye nzara, vazhinji vanoshanda kuti
vashoma vabudirire.

Ukuphakama Kwamakhosikazi – Yikuphakama Kwesizwe
Kuqede ubuyanga lendlala, izithukuthuku zabanengi zingabi yinzuzo
yabalutshwana!



Valentines Day 2011 sees the passing of the second anniversary of the swearing in ceremony of the Inclusive Government, agreed to on 15 September 2008 by the three principals and witnessed by then SA President, Thabo Mbeki on behalf of the SADC guarantors. We continue to study the agreement between the ZANU PF and the two MDC formations and note the selective implementation and the focus of this is still based on their own interests and not the interest of the population at large.

We do not see the commitment mentioned in article 2 (II), we don't see any equality and national healing mentioned in article 7 (V11). We are still desperate for the free political activity (article 10 X) and the promise of respecting the constitution and rule of law in article 11 (XI). We long for the freedom of assembly and association promised in article 12 (XII). Instead of the implementation of article 18 (XVIII) – promising security of persons and prevention of violence, we are seeing more militia camps being set up than we saw in 2008 and once again we have hundreds of displaced people DESPITE recognizing 18.2 *Gravely concerned by the displacement of scores of people after the election of March 29, 2008 as a result of politically motivated violence.* 18.3 *Recognising that violence dehumanises and engenders feelings of hatred and polarisation within the country.* 18.4 *Further recognising that violence undermines our collective independence as a people and our capacity to exercise our free will in making political choices.*

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE AGREEMENTS YOU MADE IN ARTICLE 18? Principals promised to:

(a) to promote the values and practices of tolerance, respect, non-violence and dialogue as means of resolving political differences; (b) to renounce and desist from the promotion and use of violence, under whatever name called, as a means of attaining political ends; (c) that the Government shall apply the laws of the country fully and impartially in bringing all perpetrators of politically motivated violence to book; (d) that all political parties, other organisations and their leaders shall commit themselves to do everything to stop and prevent all forms of political violence, including by non-State actors and shall consistently appeal to their members to desist from violence; (e) to take all measures necessary to ensure that the structures and institutions they control are not engaged in the perpetration of violence. (g) to work together to ensure the security of all persons and property; (h) to work together to ensure the safety of any displaced persons, their safe return home and their enjoyment of the full protection of the law. (i) to refrain from using abusive language that may incite hostility, political intolerance and ethnic hatred or unfairly undermine each other. **Mugabe's 'ANGIFUNI' is hate language to Welshman Ncube shows hatred, tribalism and disrespect.**

We were encouraged by the formation of COPAC and the beginning of implementation of the constitutional article points in article 6 (VI) and the implementation contained in: 6.1 the setting up of the Select Committee of Parliament and the conducting of the public hearings. We are waiting for the draft Constitution to be presented to the 2nd All Stakeholders Conference and referendum;

BUT COPAC YOU ARE LIVING ON BORROW TIME!

(c) that, in implementing the above, the following time frames shall apply: (i) the Select Committee shall be set up within two months of inception of a new government; (ii) the convening of the first All Stakeholders Conference shall be within 3 months of the date of the appointment of the Select Committee; (iii) the public consultation process shall be completed no later than 4 months of the date of the first All Stakeholders Conference; (iv) the draft Constitution shall be tabled within 3 months of completion of the public consultation process to a second All Stakeholders Conference; (v) the draft Constitution and the accompanying Report shall be tabled before Parliament within 1 month of the second All Stakeholders Conference; (vi) the draft Constitution and the accompanying Report shall be debated in Parliament and the debate concluded within one month; (vii) the draft Constitution emerging from Parliament shall be gazetted before the holding of a referendum; (viii) a referendum on the new draft Constitution

shall be held within 3 months of the conclusion of the debate; **(ix)** in the event of the draft Constitution being approved in the referendum it shall be gazetted within 1 month of the date of the referendum; and **(x)** the draft Constitution shall be introduced in Parliament no later than 1 month after the expiration of the period of 30 days from the date of its gazetting.

IF WE FOLLOW THESE TIMEFRAMES WE SHOULD BE HAVING THE REFERENDUM NOW. Anyway as you are writing the constitution draft, we expect to see our views respected and included. We wait to see our top ten views featuring, these are:

1. National values, aspirations and founding principles of the constitution - We require a constitution that allows for: value and respect the sanctity of human life, with dignity and respect; for democratically elected leaders at all levels who consult people; separation of powers between the executive, legislature and judiciary complete with checks and balances to prevent corruption and misuse of office and right of recall;
2. The state should allow everyone born in Zimbabwe to be a citizen automatically and the constitution must disallow the arbitrary deprivation of citizenship.
3. We require and expanded Bill of Rights with rights guaranteed and fully protected (justiciable) with clear protection provisions and remedies for violations provided in the courts.
4. Special emphasis on the full enjoyment of the Political Rights free and fair and regular elections; vote in secrecy; right to form political parties and participate in political activities; right to stand for public office and to campaign freely.
5. Right to personal security and fair treatment when in lawful custody; protection from arbitrary displacement from their homes; Protection from public and domestic violence; Right to liberty, and freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention.
6. We demand full enjoyment of all Social, Economic and Cultural rights. Social rights must include, but not be limited to the right to affordable and decent basic living needs-shelter, water, food and health delivery systems. Special emphasis on the full enjoyment of and the right to free compulsory and quality primary education, affordable secondary and tertiary education.
7. We demand full enjoyment of all Women and gender rights. Women have the right to affirmative action to correct past injustices and promote women's participation and gender in all spheres of life.
8. We demand democratic Systems of government: Devolution of power, that allow for local controls over all resources and local councils. There must be sharing of power at provincial and local levels.
9. We demand a constitution that limits executive power which has long been abused. The Arms of state points should include an Executive President who is elected directly by all voters in the first past the post system, 2 terms of office of no more than 5years, age limit should be between 40-65year. Such a President must not be above the law-no special privileges and be able to be prosecuted, sued and recalled.
10. We require a Public finance system that includes public hearings to determine priorities and the presentation of local, provincial and national budgets for public approval. Government must be transparent and accountable and present a gendered analysis of any budget presented to parliament.

The principals said they were signing the agreement to form the Inclusive Government in the name of the 'suffering masses of Zimbabwe' but in reality, the IG was imposed on us by SADC. Our suffering continues and violence is increasing. It is clear from the timeframes of the constitution reform process that Zimbabwe should now be having a referendum, which would be followed by an election. As we analyse the current situation, we realize that the Inclusive government is living on borrowed time. Time borrowed from COPAC delays and the people's good nature. Politicians are now taking advantage of our good nature and our patience is wearing thin. We demand the dismantling of militia bases and prosecution of all perpetrators of violence; that government leaders begin to put Zimbabwe first and give us a genuine chance of rebuilding and reconstructing our livelihoods. We demand the right to trade needed to end poverty and starvation; We also demand the lifting of sanctions on the people's peaceful existence imposed by a politicized police force and their handlers in Zanu PF.

WE DEMAND A REAL DEAL – A REAL LOVE THAT CAN MEND OUR BROKEN HEARTS.



Love can erase an awful past,
and mend a broken heart at last!
To feel that love, it makes you sigh,
To have it leave, you'd rather die.
We hope you've found that
special rose, 'cause you love your country and care that it grows.
Zimbabweans choose a love that flows,
And heals your heart in a way that shows!

