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SOLIDARITY MESSAGE IN SUPPORT OF INDEFINITE SECTOR STRIKE OF PUBLIC SERVICES WORKERS IN SOUTH AFRICA

1. Botswana Land Boards Local Authorities and Health Workers Union (BLLAHWU) exists fundamentally to safeguard, advance, and deepen workers' rights and bargain for improvements of workers conditions of service and welfare.
2. The plight of workers demand strong international solidarity. In this context we stand firmly with the public service workers in South Africa and NEHAWU as their fundamental labour rights are violated through annihilation of collective bargaining. Additionally, we unreservedly condemn the decision to enforce the interdict against the strike granted by the Labour court as it undermines trade union 's fundamental right to strike and organise peaceful protests.
3. Further to this, BLLAHWU condemn the trending austerity measures by different Governments that has led to poor working conditions, unbearable living standards, and high unemployment rates.
4. BLLAHWU reiterates the need to respect the dignity of the public services workers who also are affected by the current rising cost of living in South Africa. Workers are not commodities therefore a 3 % wage increase for a country that has an inflation rate above 7% is a direct move to impoverish the public services workers.
5. To NEHAWU, this is a pivotal time to relentless defend the fundamental rights that define trade unionism. Aluta continua until your demands are met.

Yours in solidarity Justice and Prosperity


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