

## **Marxism 2010 in Zimbabwe submits the working class to the capitalist MDC and US imperialism and their agents**

A section of the political committee of the IRL- FI (International Revolutionary League- Fourth International), despite the concerns raised by the rest of the FLTI (International Leninist Trotskyist Fraction) about its programmatic implications, has persisted in hosting Marxism 2010. The holding of a 'Socialism 2010' or 'Marxism 2010' festivals of this type, on an annual basis, comes from the IST tradition.

### **What is the current moment in the world working class struggle?**

The treacherous leaders of the world working class movement, the Stalinists, the reformists, those who pose as Trotskyist and the social democrats, have all helped contain the revolutionary uprisings of the masses against the imperialist onslaught which has imposed millions of dismissals, wage cuts and cuts in benefits. The imperialists have grown in confidence and have now accelerated the attacks on the world working class. But now the working class has started to break from the treacherous leaders: In Mozambique the masses rose up against the Stalinist Frelimo regime that wanted to increase the price of bread and water by 30%- after 2 days of street battles the regime was forced to reverse the increases; in South Africa the strike of more than 1 million public sector workers raised the call for a general strike of all industrial, mine workers and soldiers, against the wishes of the Stalinist trade union leadership (of Cosatu)- the Cosatu leaders betrayed the strike and now the workers are in the process of removing the leaders; in Zimbabwe the public sector workers are raising the demand for a USD 500 minimum wage, showing that they are breaking from the ZanuPF-MDC and that the hold of the bureaucracy of the ZCTU over the masses is being broken; Across Southern Africa the working class is breaking from the bourgeois regimes and a pre-revolutionary period is opening;

In Europe there have been a number of general strikes(France, Rumania, Greece, Spain, etc)- the reformists, to cover their isolation of the revolutionary uprising in Greece and now they try to do it in Spain, were forced to call for a symbolic one day all-Europe action on the 29<sup>th</sup> September- the workers in Spain responded with a massive general strike and demonstrated that the working class in Spain, Greece, France and elsewhere in Europe is declaring its willingness to fight to the end and that they are starting to break from the reformist leadership and from the 'new anti-capitalist' parties that are the new darlings of imperialism.

In Bolivia the industrial workers are demanding the COB break with the Bolivarian bourgeois Morales regime; the number of strikes in China continues to be very high, showing that the working class is starting, once more, to break from the Stalinist regime; in Kyrgyzstan the masses stormed the parliament, burning it

to the ground and kicked out the US puppet, Bakiev; in Ecuador, the attempted coup by US imperialism against the Bolivarian bourgeois, Correa, was not supported by any section of the working class- showing the deep class hatred of the masses for US imperialism; in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq, imperialism is being strongly resisted by the masses and the US imperialist puppets have little support among the masses.

Even in the USA, for the first time in many years the workers at General Motors are resisting their treacherous union leaders' plans to cut their wages by 50%- this reflects a broader crisis of legitimacy as the Obama regime has lost much of the support it had for the past 2 years- the US working class is not only breaking from Obama but from the ISO and other tendencies of the reformist and counter-revolutionary 'left'. It is no accident that it falls to the Socialist Equality Party, SEP, to contain this break of the US working class to the left.

In short, on a global scale the working class are breaking from the treacherous leaders and a wide-scale pre-revolutionary situation is developing in several places on the planet. This is the backdrop to Marxism 2010, which is being hosted by a part of the RIL-FI political committee, that announced the participations of bourgeoisie fractions, imperialist NGO, union and student bureaucrats of Zimbabwe and international cooperation of some activists who have 'split' from the ISO USA (but not from ISO politics), activists from the World Social Forum, and the Socialist Equality Party (Australia)- from the International Committee of the Fourth International- ICFI (International Committee of the Fourth Internacional).

#### **'Marxism' 2010 Zimbabwe submits the working class to imperialism**

One of the participants at 'Marxism 2010' is the National Constitutional Assembly (NCA), which is an imperialist funded entity, made up of the pro-imperialist MDC, the bureaucracy of the ZCTU (Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions), a number of NGO's, as well as the ISO of Gwisai ( now called the Democratic United Front). In October 2009, the NCA also listed ISO (led by Mutero) as one of its members. The main aim of the NCA is to contain the revolutionary anger of the masses and channel it into bourgeois elections.

The NCA has a thoroughly pro-imperialist programme, supporting the bourgeois mechanism of control through an upper and lower house (what the bourgeois may lose at the lower house, it can block at the upper house); the NCA, despite its name does not even raise the demand for a Constitutional Assembly such as 1 delegate for every 100 people as such a gathering will take decisions that will attack bourgeois private property; the NCA calls for a mix of proportional representation and party representation- in other words, they strengthen the hand of the bourgeois parties against the masses; the NCA even calls for 10 seats for unelected tribal chiefs to be in parliament. The NCA does not even call for the bourgeois democratic demand of nationalizing the land. The NCA supports the bourgeois notion of an 'independent judiciary' as if capitalist courts can be neutral in the class war against the working class. The NCA sets itself up

as a group to pressure the MDC, but in reality it only poses left to contain the masses and protect the assets and control by imperialism.

The dominant imperialism that controls the means of production in Zimbabwe is US imperialism, followed by UK imperialism. The gold, diamond, platinum mines are controlled by US imperialism, as are the tobacco and cotton production.

Zimrights is another NGO, funded by imperialism, that is participating in 'Marxism 2010'. Zimrights was even participating in the COPAC (Constitutional) process which is controlled by the 2 main bourgeois parties, the Zanu-PF and MDC; the COPAC (Committee for the process of constitutional assembly) process was a mock process designed to fool the masses that they were really shaping how the new Constitution would look like. This is another counter-revolutionary agency that protects the domination of US imperialism.

The ZCTU bureaucracy is also a speaker at 'Marxism 2010'; this trade union leadership have played the main counter-revolutionary role by tying the working class to the MDC; when masses rose in 1996-7, and right up to 2008, when there were revolutionary days in Zimbabwe, these leaders tied the masses to the MDC, used them as cannon fodder to pressure imperialism for the MDC to become part of the business of exploiting the Zimbabwean masses; they tied the masses to bourgeois elections and were the main agency to protect the domination by imperialism; under their eyes, imperialism, supported by the entire black sepoys bourgeoisie and the Stalinist leadership of COSATU, reduced the Zimbabwe to a slave camp; when imperialist rule was about to be overthrown, it was the ZCTU bureaucracy that rescued imperialism from the masses by tying the masses to the MDC and keeping the masses off the streets when their revolutionary anger at the regime was at its highest. Recently, when the workers at David Whitehead Textiles went on strike, it was the ZCTU leaders that refused to take up the workers demand for the expropriation of the company and for workers to take over its control; the recent strike of the textile workers was led to defeat and now the company has closed, thousands of workers in the 7 factories of this company in Zimbabwe are in the streets together with their families and the worker leaders of the factories are facing charges. *The betrayers of the working class are the main speakers at this 'Marxism 2010'.*

The leadership of Zinasu (the students union) is also a speaker at 'Marxism' 2010. Recently in many areas, 70% of students were expelled from school because they could not afford the fees- Zinasu leaders remained quiet under these attacks; almost half the teachers are being dismissed by the state but Zinasu is unmoved. Yet the topic that Zinasu leaders will 'educate' us all about at this esteemed gathering is 'Reform or Revolution' in education; as if the struggle for free, liberatory education can be achieved without the working class taking power.

The real aim of 'Marxism' 2010 is to advertise to imperialism that here are 'leaders' that can contain the masses should they decide to break with the MDC;

they offer themselves up as a pressure group of the MDC and if need be, they will form the core of a new 'anti-capitalist' party to contain the masses once again.

The similarity in programmes of the 'Marxism 2010' with those gatherings called by the IST shows that the Mutero faction has not broken with this tradition and that the dispute between him and Gwisai was indeed just over positions and not over differences in programme.

The NGO's are the mainstay of imperialism in general and US imperialism in particular; the NGO's are there to protect the interest and agenda of imperialism; their main role is to contain the revolutionary anger of the masses; they have been the main support to prop up the imperialist MDC and today and tomorrow, now that the masses are breaking with the MDC, the NGO's would work to put another pro-imperialist group into power, if this is what it takes to contain the masses once again.

This is not the meeting that workers need in order to regroup their forces. Fire and water do not mix. The workers have nothing to do in a meeting with the bosses and imperialist representatives. Break with the bourgeoisie! Out the boss and the NGO from the workers organizations and meetings! Out the union and student bureaucracy who sell out our fight! For a worker-poor, peasant- rank and file soldiers and revolutionary students Congress to set up a real parliament of the exploited from Zimbabwe and to regroup the wide majority of the population that are workers and poor peasants! But the convening of such a Congress can only be guaranteed by the working class taking power- all other classes will only put forward a sham process, tied in every way to the continued rule by capitalism-imperialism.

### **The ISO Zim played the counter-revolutionary role in 1996-7; who will play that role today?**

In 1996-7 the International Socialist Tendency, from London, directed the ISO-Zim to enter the bourgeois MDC; it played the counter-revolutionary role of containing the masses from the left; it smothered the independent organisms of the masses such as the independent labour forums and turned them into recruiting grounds for the bourgeois MDC. Even during the revolutionary days of April 2008 both fractions of the ISO, Gwisai and Mutero, were still arguing for a 'critical' support of the MDC.

In Southern Africa the masses are rising up and breaking from the Stalinist and popular front regimes. The 2 years of the popular front regime of Zanu-PF and MDC has not only discredited the MDC, ZCTU and ZINASU leaders but also both fractions of the then ISO. Gwisai is a participant inside the COPAC while the Mutero faction had joined the FLTI at its second Congress.

This 'Marxism' 2010 shows that while the Mutero faction has formally broken with the ISO, it has not broken with the politics of the IST and his adherence to the FLTI was to seek an international Trotskyist cover in order to cheat the honest revolutionary

workers of the IRL-FI and the worker vanguard in the region.. The Mutero faction is too weak as it came from huge betrayals as a member of the IST, so that it cannot pose by itself as 'Trotskyism' in "Marxism 2010"; this is why it has turned to splinters from the ISO to regroup with as well and presents, as a cover, the international cooperation of Socialist Equality Party, SEP, of Australia, which goes under the umbrella of the International Committee of the Fourth International, ICFI.

### **The splinters of the ISO**

Co-sponsors of 'Marxism' 2010 are Zach Mason and Donnah Ugboaja, who were both expelled from the ISO USA; they differed with the ISO not on their policy of submitting the working class to US imperialism and the feet of Obama, but over disputes of inner party democracy; it is not surprising that they are sponsoring a meeting of agencies of US imperialism, much like the ISO USA 'Socialism 2010' where candidates and supporters of the imperialist Democratic party were speakers and participants.

Zach Mason uses the argument of Gramsci to show that in time of crisis a revolutionary party is 'anachronistic' and holds back the struggle; in other words, at the very time of revolution, when different imperialists form temporary alliances against the masses, acting in a highly centralized fashion, with regional military commands for every region of the planet, Mason argues that the working class does not need to concentrate or organize its forces along highly disciplined lines in a revolutionary party, let alone a revolutionary international; despite having been expelled from the ISO USA he holds the same position of 'socialism from below', namely that the masses have no need of a highly disciplined and centralised party in the fight against world imperialism; imperialism has a great friend and ally in Mason indeed.

Mason did not answer questions on his position on the World Social Forum and anti-capitalist parties; his sponsorship of this gathering of supporters and members of the World Social Forum and supporters of counter-revolutionary parties now provides the answer, that he agrees with their pro-imperialist agenda.

Another ISO splinter, sponsor, is Briggs Bomba, founder of the counter-revolutionary Zimbabwe Social Forum, which plays a key role in isolating the struggles of the Zimbabwean masses from the working class in the US and other imperialist centres. The Zimbabwe Social Forum is dominated by NGO's, whose main role is to use funding from imperialism to divert the mass struggle from taking the path of revolution. Bomba is also a founder of 'Uhuru', so-called counter-culture network, which everything except mobilise the masses for revolution.

Donnah Ugboaja, linked to an NGO at a US university, co-writes an article against the privatization of schooling in the USA, titled " every student deserves a good education", published in USA ISO newspaper Socialist Worker in March 2010

The article does not challenge the nature of mass schooling as a function of what capitalism requires, namely its role is to produce a docile working class; the article perpetuates the myth that capitalist education is an avenue out of exploitation and that it is 'class-neutral'. It does not raise the central point that the main purpose of capitalist education and the state structure is to ensure that there is a perpetual pool of reserve labour, in other words, Ugboaja does not say that, the system ensures that there is a working class that have nothing except their labour power to sell. In essence the position of Donnah Ugboaja is no different from the SEP, which calls for defence of past gains but does not expose the capitalist nature of mass education.

### **The Socialist Equality Party- using the name of the Fourth International to attempt to bury the Fourth International**

One of the main/supposed sponsors of the gathering, 'Marxism' 2010, in Zimbabwe, as their organisers claim, is The Socialist Equality Party, SEP. The SEP is part of the International Committee of the Fourth International, ICFI, which claims to be the continuity of the Fourth International.

How is it possible that the SEP, which has exposed the counter-revolutionary 'Socialism 2010' of the middle class ISO in the USA, is the leading sponsor of 'Marxism' 2010 in Zimbabwe, where the supporters of imperialism all line up to cheat, alongside the workers and students? Let us examine the politics of the SEP to expose its opportunism in order to make this question clear:

### **The SEP position on the Trade Unions**

The SEP claims that because unions today are tied by thousands of threads to the 'corporations and the capitalist state', they call for ' a rebellion against and break with these corrupt organizations, which do not represent the working class'; they call for the formation of factory and workplace committees instead.

The Transitional Programme, that the ICFI claims to adhere to, states under the section of trade unions in the transitional epoch: (he) '*takes active part in the trade unions for the purpose of strengthening them and raising their spirit of militancy*'. The transitional programme directs us to fight against all attempts to subject the unions to the state and the capitalists. To build small 'revolutionary' unions signifies the renouncing of the struggle for leadership of the working class. The Transitional Programme further states: '*It is necessary to establish this firm rule: self-isolation of the capitulationist variety from mass trade unions, which is tantamount to betrayal of the revolution, is incompatible with membership of the Fourth International*'. The Transitional Programme further outlines that, while fighting in the unions, we do not hesitate to break from subordination of the bureaucratic apparatus.

What the SEP advocates is giving up the fight for expelling the bureaucracy by everywhere and under all circumstances, calling for workers to leave their mass unions and setting up 'independent' committees. This is even worse than the sectarian policy of calling for 'independent' unions, as the committees are

isolated at workplace level and do not even unite workers along industry or national lines. The SEP policy divides the workers who are in struggle against the union bureaucracy and thus unwittingly acts to strengthen the hold of the bureaucracy over the unions- the very ones who have seen through the reactionary politics of the union bureaucracy are directed by the SEP to leave the union; those who remain behind in the union are weakened and are at the mercy of the bureaucracy.

In the current struggle at General Motors, the SEP advocates exactly this policy of self-isolation by the very militant workers who stand at the head of breaking with the bureaucracy and breaking from subordination to the imperialists. Not a single call is raised by the SEP for the expulsion of the rotten bureaucracy of the UAW (United Auto Workers). They do not call for equal pay for equal work across all branches of the General Motors. They do not even call for the rebellion of the workers at GM motors against their own leaders in other parts of the world; The SEP disarms workers by putting forward that the bureaucracy are the unions whereas the bureaucracy are the parasitic chain in the unions that ties the workers to the capitalists. While claiming to be internationalist the SEP does not even raise the super-exploitative relations of GM to immigrant workers and that, with China as the biggest export market of GM, the transnational is one of many imperialist companies that are directly and indirectly responsible for the brutal super-exploitation of the workers in the colonies and semi-colonies in general and in China, in particular. Instead, the SEP, like the all counter-revolutionary Anglo-Saxon 'left', invent China and Russia as 'competitors' of US imperialism, swallowing the nationalist propaganda of imperialism hook line and sinker.

The position of the SEP is similar to the Moreno-ist LIT (International Workers League) that divides the workers by forming 'red' unions and weakening the fight against the pro-capitalist union leaders.

In the fight against the UAW bureaucracy and the imperialist GM, the SEP does not even raise the call for the expropriation of the company and the main imperialist banks and does not call for workers to prepare for an occupation of the company. Under the guise of militant rhetoric, the position of the SEP is pacifist.

While claiming to be a fighter against the union bureaucracy, the policy of the SEP leads to the strengthening of the hold of the bureaucracy over the workers organised in unions. In Zimbabwe, the mask of the SEP falls, and they appear as a main/supposed sponsor of 'Marxism' 2010 where the treacherous union bureaucracy of the ZCTU are key speakers. Indeed, the politics of the SEP is incompatible with membership of the Fourth International.

### **The nationalist and pacifist vision of the SEP**

US imperialism is the dominant power on the planet; it has military commands for every region on the globe; it has hundreds of military bases, from the 7 in

Colombia, the bases in Botswana, the bases in Germany and Japan; the bases in Taiwan; the military support it gives to fascist Israel, to the murderous Turkish, Egyptian, Saudi regimes, among others; its commanders were seen with the Rwandan army and other surrogate forces in the wars of plunder in the DRC where over 5 million people died since 1996; the US regime props up the murderous Stalinist regime in China; in the wake of the 1994 Rwanda genocide of 1994, it was US imperialism that gained its way over Rwanda and Belgian and French imperialism was ousted; yet the SEP does not see US imperialism as the major agency terrorising the world working class.

The main call of the SEP is to '*demand the immediate withdrawal of all US military forces from Iraq and Afghanistan and calls for an end to threats against Iran*'. This is nothing else but a call for the working class to pressure Obama to withdraw the troops. Despite the criticisms by the SEP of the ISO as being a pressure group of the Democratic Party, the SEP is no different. In the Transitional Programme (under the section: The struggle against imperialism and war) it is clearly stated ' In this struggle the basic principle is: "the chief enemy is in *your own* country," or "the defeat of *your own* (imperialist) government is the lesser evil". In other words we should side with the oppressed masses against the imperialist regime and support the defeat of US imperialism. The SEP thus breaks with the Transitional programme and the Fourth International.

The SEP does not call for the expropriation of all imperialist assets in the colonies and semi-colonies as their vision of expropriation is limited to the USA; they do not see the connection between the liberation of the exploited masses around the globe as being linked to the overthrow of the imperialist regime in the USA; thus while the SEP claims to be in general for an internationalist programme and while it claims to be critical of the World Social Forum, their programme is fundamentally the same as these counter-revolutionaries, namely that the struggle of the working class in the semi-colonies is separated from the struggle for working class power in the imperialist centres. In other words the SEP/ICFI, supports a different version of the same Stalinist theory of 'Socialism in one country'.

The SEP makes no mention of the anti-imperialist struggles of the Colombian masses or of any of the masses in Latin America (perhaps they believe the bourgeois propaganda that imperialism is waging a war against drugs); they keep silent on the imperialist plunder of Africa (perhaps they really believe that we are savages and embroiled in 'inter-ethnic conflict'); they do not support the military defeat of the fascist state of Israel (perhaps they are too scared they will be labelled 'anti-Semitic'). They do not tell the working class the truth about these conflicts. The struggle of those who are starved and killed by imperialism in their own countries and who are forced to seek work in the USA, is reduced to equality of immigrants with US nationals. Nowhere does the SEP expose that the super-exploitation of the working class in the semi-colonies subsidise the lives of the

working class and the capitalists in the imperialist centres. In other words, the SEP has a nationalist vision of imperialism.

They do not call for the military defeat of US imperialism in Iraq and Afghanistan; they are too busy with defending the bourgeois Lincoln's vision of democracy; they are quick to label misguided acts of individual terror (on civilians) but keep silent on the daily terror by US imperialism against the world's masses. The SEP breaks from Trotsky's work on 'Terrorism and Communism'; The Fourth International is not against working class methods to terrorise and demoralise the terror apparatus of the capitalists.

The SEP does not raise the call for the confiscation of military profits, the expropriation of the war industry and for workers' control of it- for workers to send the weapons to the oppressed masses around the globe to help defeat imperialism, and this where the war industry is the biggest in the world. This is a further break by the SEP from the Transitional programme.

The SEP glorifies the 'legal precedents established at the Nuremberg trials' instead of exposing it as a bourgeois sham in which most of the fascists escaped prosecution. Against the world terror apparatus of the imperialists, the SEP clings to legality and bourgeois law. Imperialism starves billions of people, assassinates worker leaders, launches coups in Honduras and now in Ecuador, but the SEP wants workers to focus on bourgeois law.

The SEP claims '*there can be no socialism without democracy, there will be democracy without socialism*'. They ignore Lenin's description in State and revolution that democracy is a form of bourgeois rule, where the capitalist class rules through the control of the leaders within the workers movement. In other words, we can only have the beginnings of a workers state that marches to Socialism only by the overcoming of (Bourgeois) democracy. Similarly the SEP uses the bourgeois term '*participatory democracy*' when what we are fighting for is workers democracy. In opposition to the dictatorship of the capitalist class the SEP does not counter-pose the dictatorship of the proletariat- perhaps they feel that the imperialists will just roll over when the workers take power and that there will be no need to suppress the capitalist and the forces that they group around them. Election of socialist candidates in capitalist parliament will not mean any grain of workers power; the task of any elected socialist candidate is to act as an agitator to expose and unmask parliament- not so for the SEP who claim: '*The establishment of workers' power requires far more than the election of socialist candidates to the existing institutions of the bourgeois state*'. In other words, the election of a socialist into a bourgeois parliament can advance some way to workers' power, although not completely.

### **The silence of the SEP on the struggle against Stalinism today**

The SEP keeps quiet on the role of Stalinism and Castrism in the US that keeps the working class at the feet of the Democratic party and that keeps the working

class under the thumb of the Stalinist regime in Cuba. For the SEP, the fight against the Stalinist chains of the world workers movement to the coat-tails of imperialism, does not exist today and has no relation to the successful struggle for the working class to take power in the semi-colonies and in the imperialist centres.

The attack on the Cuban working class by the Castro brothers who now want to dismiss 1 million workers, is essentially the same as the attacks by Zapatero in Spain and Papandreu in Greece, as they are all acting in the interest of imperialism to place the burden of the crisis on the backs of the working class. But in Cuba the nationalised property was conquered through a revolution, albeit strangled by Stalinism. The defence of the gains of the Cuban revolution is a task of the international proletariat. The ICFI is silent on the defence of the gains of the Cuban revolution and sees no relation between it and the struggle of the working class for power in the US. They do not pose the need for a political revolution against the Castrist restorationist bureaucracy and also the link between this and the need to expropriate the rising bourgeoisie in Cuba.

The SEP keeps quiet on the struggle against Stalinism as their own position is national socialist, one may even say national Trotskyist (but this is to muddy the name of Trotsky).

### **What demands should a revolutionary Marxism meeting raise in Zimbabwe in 2010?**

A Marxist revolutionary meeting in 2010, when it is the 70th anniversary of Trotsky's murder, killed by the Stalinist can only stand up under the banner of the Transitional program and the 4<sup>th</sup> International. The Trotskyist program is the only continuity of living Marxism in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The FLTI has already presented the Trotskyist program to the African masses on May Day in Zimbabwe and for that reason is that we defend this international program against the reformist program and the class collaboration on the knees to Obama of the call to "Marxism 2010".

The demands that the Marxism 2010 should raise are contained in the FLTI statement on Mayday; they are summarised as follows:

1. break with the bourgeoisie; this means breaking with the MDC and Zanu-PF; and their anti-worker pact. It is necessary to call the masses of the entire Southern Africa to move up to the end, breaking with the regimes and the popular front governments of the black bourgeoisie and Stalinism, servants of Wall Street, the banks of City of London and Obama. Our forces are in the unity between the working class and the poor peasants of Africa together with the European and US working class.
2. kick out all the treacherous leaders from the ZCTU, COSATU and other unions that have tied the masses to the capitalists; Out the bureaucracy and labour aristocracy from our organizations. For workers democracy!

- Out the hands of the state and its laws which control the workers organizations.
3. kick out the student leaders who tie the students to the capitalist and Stalinist parties; eg to the MDC, ANC, SACP, FRELIMO. For a revolutionary, anti-imperialist and internationalist youth of the entire Southern Africa.
  4. break with all the NGO's; they act for imperialism to prevent the revolution;
  5. In order to conquer the bread, it is necessary to organise also in the rural areas our class brothers, the rural workers and with them and the worker and the rank and file soldier committees it is necessary to retake the rich land of Zimbabwe for the vast majority of the exploited, who do not work or eat decently. Nationalise the land- expropriate the capitalist landowners without compensation; place the land under workers' control; for worker controlled collectives; land to the poor peasant;
  6. expropriate all imperialist assets, without compensation and place them under working class control; expropriate all banks without compensation to the capitalists; centralise these and place them under workers' control;
  7. This process of the constitutional assembly, a true pact behind the back of the workers, did not give anything to the exploited. We need a true workers parliament: for a national congress of delegates of employed and unemployed delegates, delegates from rank and file soldiers, delegates from the poor peasants and students; for delegates of workers, peasants and rank and file soldiers from across Southern Africa- to plan altogether the combat against imperialism-capitalism; to break the siege of the Madagascar revolution and to extend the masses uprising of Mozambique to the entire Southern Africa.
  8. for the workers in the imperialist centres to expropriate the capitalists, without compensation and to be placed under workers' control;
  9. for equal pay for equal work across the region; for equal pay for equal work in the semi-colonies and in the imperialist centres; COSATU open your doors so the millions of workers from Mozambique, Angola, Zimbabwe, DRC, etc can organise around this demand. They are enslaved by the imperialist companies operating in all Southern Africa. We call to our siblings class brothers and sisters from the imperialist countries call to fight for the demand "Equal pay for the same work in the semi colonies and imperialist centres."
  10. free, liberatory education up to the highest level;
  11. free, quality health care for all;
  12. decent housing for all, close to places of work;
  13. for the smashing of the fascist state of Israel; tear down the Rafah border and all walls and checkpoints that keep Palestinians in concentration camps; for the release of all political prisoners in the capitalist jails; for the unconditional right of return of all Palestinian refugees; for a free, Socialist Palestine as part of the federation of Socialist workers states of the Middle East;
  14. for the confiscation of all military profits; expropriation of the war industry- place it under workers control; send the weapons to the resistance against imperialism; for the military defeat of imperialism in Iraq, Afghanistan,

- Pakistan and elsewhere where they plunder the colonies and semi-colonies;
15. for the dictatorship of the proletariat in Zimbabwe and in Southern Africa, against the dictatorship of the capitalists;
  16. Open the books of imperialism to expose the daily plunder of the world working class;
  17. Share all the work among all who can work; wages to increase when prices increase;
  18. For a revolutionary working class party as part of the struggle to re-found the Fourth International; For a conference to set on feet the Fourth International in Africa; for an organizing committee to re-found the Fourth International;
  19. For a federation of Socialist Workers states of Southern Africa; for a Soviet Africa.

## **Way Forward**

The working class needs to break decisively from those who betrayed the Zimbabwean working class in 1996-7 and 2008 and who still seek to betray the masses today; Either with the heroic masses of Mozambique and Madagascar or with Gwisai, with the right wing of the US ISO, with the petty bourgeois 'left' that poses as the ICFI; with the Fourth International or with the bourgeois, with the imperialist agencies that keep the Zimbabwean masses in a slave camp, that daily cause the death of hundreds from starvation and preventable diseases; that have collapsed the health care and education system; either with the masses who are taking to revolutionary road or with those who seek once more to play the counter-revolutionary role to suppress the independent rising of the masses, to suppress those who are breaking from the MDC, to suppress those who are fighting against the trade union bureaucracy of the ZCTU; either with the masses across Southern Africa who are fighting the same imperialism or with the imperialist lackeys; either with the fight for workers power in Southern Africa and the fight for workers power in the imperialist centres, or with the World Social Forum that divides south from north; with the heroic rank and file workers of General Motors who revolt against the union bureaucracy or with those who divide the workers and lead the workers of General Motors to defeat.

Either the members of the RIL-FI adopt and implement the above programme or place themselves outside the ranks of the FLTI.

***We call on the member of IRL-FI and the working class vanguard in Zimbabwe and around the world to reject 'Crisis 2010' (of the pro-imperialist Zimbabwe Crisis Coalition) and to raise the above programme in 'Marxism' 2010.*** [Crisis 2010 is based on the capitalist crisis of the masses breaking from the leaders and the need of imperialism to chain the masses with new forces]. Let us join with the FLTI to call for a Committee for the re-founding of the Fourth International, to call for an All-Africa conference to set up **the**

**Fourth International** once more on African soil, calling delegates from workers, unemployed, soldiers, revolutionary students, from across Africa, to break with the bourgeoisie and to found revolutionary workers parties as part of re-founding the **Fourth International**.

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