

ZCTU PRESS RELEASE

Signing of agreement by Zanu PF and MDC

The Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) has been inundated by the press which is seeking its position on the outcome of the agreement between Zanu PF and the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) yesterday, 15 September 2008.

We would like to make it clear that the ZCTU position as stated in the General Council communiqué of 12 July 2008 was clear that it would not accept a flawed process. The General Council clearly resolved that:

"A Government of National Unity is a subversion of our National Constitution and only a Transitional Authority should be put in place with a mandate to take Zimbabwe to fresh, free and fair elections that will hopefully not be disputed by the parties".

The ZCTU General Council will meet on Saturday 20 September 2008 and unless it decides to shift from that position, our position of 12 July still stands.

It is quite disturbing that the press has been flooding the ZCTU on the issue of the outcome of the negotiations, yet during the whole process, they ignored the position of the ZCTU.

We cannot afford to continue to be the cannon fodder for people who have their own agendas.

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