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CONFERENCE

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It is my pleasure to address you to mark the closing of this historic 7th National Youth League Conference. I trust that as the new generation of young leaders of our colossal Party, you have had memorable and enriching experiences and that your appreciation of the conduct of Party affairs, has been broadened, I encourage you to remain emboldened by the fact that you are members of a colossal revolutionary Party; the People's Party and home of the People's Revolution. ZANU PF is the Party of the future. ZANU PF is here to stay.

Today, I charge you to keep marching forward in your political journey within the youth movement of our Party, in the spirit of our revolution which sustained many youthful yester-year cadres, who waged both the First and Second Chimurenga wars. May the Party ideology and our people centred policies endure under the watch of you, our young people.

Equally, our national vision of a prosperous and empowered society must be propelled through the successive efforts of the youth of our great motherland, Zimbabwe right from the village, wards, districts and provinces.

Indeed, throughout the days of the revolution to the present, the Party has always valued, cared for and trusted young people and placed great expectations on them. The Youth League must, therefore, remain steadfast in the knowledge that the Party believes that young people are the future and hope of our country. You are a vital cog in the cause of our Party and nation. Under the Second Republic which I lead, rest assured that you have a brighter future and you will realise your full potential. As ZANU PF, we have all the confidence in you, our young people.

I therefore call upon you to boldly aim higher, to be practical and realistic, to work harder and put your youthful dreams and aspirations into action

The party will support you to achieve great exploits, not just as the Youth League but indeed as the young people of our great country.

Comrade Delegates;

I congratulate you all for the frank, open and robust engagements you have made during your two-day Conference. Defining resolutions have been passed which must advance, promote and protect the interests of the youth of our country. These resolutions are the beginning of an important journey for the Youth League now and into the future.

your task as the youth is to accelerate the economic development, growth and prosperity of our country, anchored by innovative and contemporary heritage-based strategies. As you do so, I urge you to keep enhancing your confidence in the path we have chosen as a Party and a people. You must demonstrate unwavering and unflinching faith in the Party leadership.

Always follow the Party line. Refuse to be owned by individuals or cliques for political expediency. **Musabvume kuiswa muhomwe yemunhu kwete!**

Always remain patriotic, loyal and disciplined members of ZANU PF. The Party is bigger than all of us. Internalize and always adhere to the Party Constitution, its ideology, ethos, rules, regulations and procedures. Be humble and teachable. **Mukadaro munogara mumusangano we ZANU PF, mugogara, muchingogara, muchikura mu ZANU PF.**

Comrade Delegates;

Now that you have elected your new leadership, it is my expectation that the National Youth League has now been re-energised, renewed and galvanized towards the membership growth of the Party and an overwhelming victory in the 2023 Harmonised General Elections. This must remain your pre-occupation

The Youth League is indeed obligated to serve the young people wholeheartedly and to win their hearts and minds. In this regard, I challenge you to develop and implement precise realistic and scientific mobilization strategies, based on our rallying call **Masangano kuma Cell.**

Technology driven solutions and platforms should now characterize the day to day programmes of the Youth League.

We must begin now, to win the 2023 Harmonised Elections. It is all systems go in our Part's mobilization drive. **Tinoda kuvasvasvanga**, polling station by polling station, ward by ward, constituency by constituency, province by province and finally at the national level towards a thunderous victory for ZANU PF. Let us never leave anything to chance. We should not fall asleep or procrastinate. In everything we do, let us have a greater sense of urgency, across all Wings of the Party.

Hence, the new Youth League leadership has the immediate responsibility to mobilise the youth in every village, ward, district and province to support our revolutionary Party, as well as to register to vote for our Party, ZANU PF.

Your focus into the future must ensure that the League remains united and structurally anchored on an ideologically sound and disciplined youth membership base. In this regard, take advantage of the Chitepo School of Ideology.

It is through you, our young people that the implementation of the National Development Strategy 1 and ultimately, the realisation of Vision 2030 must be accelerated. This should be in keeping with our focus to implement development that leaves no-one and no place behind, while maintaining the dominance of our Party.

Meanwhile, I was impressed by the positive energy, enthusiasm and zeal which you exhibited during this Conference. Together with the spirit of volunteerism these must become cardinal character traits, of the Youth League. Our communities, especially in urban areas must never be exposed to dirty environments and other social ills as a result of the glaring failures of the opposition led local authorities.

Take up the responsibility to initiate programmes to clean up our beautiful environments. Service to our communities by the youth must be extended to the elderly, vulnerable and other disadvantaged groups.

Comrade Delegates;

As per the dictates of our Party Constitution, this 7th National Conference of the Youth League was elective. I congratulate those elected into the National Executive of the Youth League, count it a privilege, and not a right, that you have been afforded a chance to serve in the Youth movement of our revolutionary Party.

I thus, challenge you to play your part towards the full realization of the aims and objectives of the Youth League as outlined in our Party Constitution, guided by the values of servant leadership. In the same spirit, strive for the Youth League to fulfil its Duties and Obligations.

Your contribution to our national aspirations must be visible for all to see for the benefit of other young people in our great motherland, Zimbabwe. You have a rare opportunity to re-focus the Youth League to occupy every space in the country's economic, political, social, scientific, academic, cultural and sporting spheres. No area is out of bounds. That is the independence and freedom, we, your elders fought for, as member of the ZANU PF youth League, you must make the Party attractive for other young people to come aboard the unstoppable revolutionary ZANU PF train. As you do so, always promote unity, peace, love and harmony. **Tose tose tinokwana muhomweye ZANU PF.** All young people of our country are welcome to join the ZANU PF Youth League.

It is here in ZANU-PF where the destiny and future of the young people of our country is being defined. It is here in ZANU PF where the youth are active players in the governance of this great country and where they are empowered to fully participate in the economy of their motherland. It is in ZANU PF that independence, freedom, democracy, sustainable development and a prosperous future are assured.

Violence, intolerance, self-hate and the denigration of our beautiful country is alien to us as the people of Zimbabwe. I call upon all young people to reject and shun those malcontents and detractors who drive this agenda. As ZANU PF, we denounce violence, in all its ugly forms.

The Youth League, is the vanguard of the Party. It is the Party's eyes and ears. You have a duty to guard the Party against infiltrations, divisions and disunity. Remain vigilant, honest, focused and loyal in defence of the Party. Stay committed to what is right, ethical and morally acceptable. I also urge young people to desist from abusing the various social media

platforms. Instead, use your platforms such as Instagram, Tik-Tok, Twitter and WhatsApp, among others, to promote our national development discourse, identity, unity and peace as well as production, productivity, innovation and ingenuity among the young people of our country.

Comrade Delegates;

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our sister liberation parties and other progressive youth organizations who attended this Conference and youth delivered messages of solidarity and best wishes for the Youth League, our Party ZANU PF and our country as a whole. Guided by the spirit of Pan-Africanism, the youth must strengthen their resolve towards the total eradication of all forms of neo-colonialism and industrialization of our African Continent. United we stand and prosper, divided we fall. We take this chance to once again call for the unconditional removal of the illegal economic sanctions imposed on our country by some Western countries. These sanctions are unjustified and an albatross to the development and prosperity of our nation.

Meanwhile, I commend the renewed sense of patriotism by Zimbabwean young people in the Diaspora. No matter where you are in the world, you remain Zimbabwean. This is your home, your motherland. You are welcome to contribute and play your part in building our country, brick by brick and stone upon stone.

In conclusion; I once again congratulate the newly elected members of the National Executive of the Youth League. I wish you great success during your tenure of office. Serve your Party and country whole heartedly, with loyalty, unity of purpose, honour and distinction. Our Party must remain safe in your hands. The national leadership of the Party remains available to support you.

I also wish you all safe journeys back to your respective provinces and districts. Go back and tell all the young people of our country, that ZANU PF is alive and unstoppable. Go back and mobilise them to be productive, emboldened by our mantra that **“Nyika inovakwa, inotongwa nevene vayo”**

With these remarks, it is now my singular honour to declare the 7th National Conference of the Youth League officially closed.

Pamberi ne ZANU PF

Pamberi ne kubatana

Pamberi negwara remusangano, Negwara remusangano.

Pambili le ZANU PF

Pambili lo kubambhana

Pambili le mpumelelo

Pasi ne mhandu.