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ANC CONDEMNS MILITARY COUP IN BOLIVIA

The African National Congress (ANC) condemns the military and rightwing-inspired coup disguised as mass demonstrations in Bolivia. These tragic developments are a clear and blatant subversion of the democratic will of the people of Bolivia. It is an attack on the sovereignty and self-determination of the Bolivian people.

The ANC rejects this coup d'etat which is disguised as mass demonstration.

We are inspired by Comrade Evo Morales, the first indigenous Bolivian to become President. His sin in the eyes of the imperialist forces is that he was a champion of the poor and servant of the working class. He resisted imperialist aggression and fought monopoly capital with every available means at his disposal.

The economy of Bolivia saw unprecedented growth under his leadership and his pro-poor policies benefitted the majority of citizens. Comrade Morales seized unproductive land from absentee owners and distributed it among the dispossessed. He nationalized oil and gas resources in the interest of economic justice for the people of Bolivia.

The ANC and the entire global progressive community cannot remain silent while democratically-elected leaders of the world are being replaced by puppets of imperialism. The ANC reiterates its view that interference by any external party in the affairs of a nation with the sole purpose of instigating regime change through unconstitutional means is not only unacceptable, but plants seeds of a dangerous world order.

The ANC calls upon the international community to reject this unconstitutional regime change. The people of Bolivia must be given space to determine their own destiny and to freely choose their own government through democratic processes

The ANC and its Alliance partners stand ready to work with the people of Bolivia to find a permanent solution to the current crisis.

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