

ZANU PF ELECTION MANIFESTO - MARCH 2005

THE PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO MESSAGE FROM THE FIRST SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT OF ZANU PF CDE. R.G. MUGABE.

On March 31, 2005, Zimbabwe holds a Parliamentary General Election, the sixth since attaining her Independence on 18th April, 1980, after a ZANU PF-led protracted national armed liberation struggle against British white settler colonialism. In all these multi-party elections, ZANU PF, whether as its constitutive predecessor liberation movements of ZANU (PF) and PF-ZAPU, or as a single united political entity, has always commanded majority support, to emerge as the indisputable winner and authentic Voice and Party of the Zimbabwean people. In all but one plebiscite, this electoral landslide translated into an above two-third-majority representation in Parliament, on the strength of which ZANU PF was able to Implement the transformation of Zimbabwe from a racist colonial backwater to a vibrant non-racial democracy it is today. Defending the interests of our erstwhile colonizer, Britain. Leading the pack is the MDC, itself a creation and creature of resurgent British imperialism. The impending Silver Jubilee will thus be an affirmation of our sovereign independence which we hold so close and so dear, and which we jealously continue to guard and pledge to defend with our very lives, for the sake of posterity.

The Jubilee is a celebration of the gains which that Independence has yielded and brought to all Zimbabweans: freedom; sovereignty; a non-racial democracy; the land; improved social conditions; education for all; health for all; economic opportunities for empowerment, among many other benefits. These are gains Zimbabweans are not about to let slip by wrongly reposing the governing mandate in dubious, sell-out parties typified by the MDC, parties which will not hesitate to wreck and trample upon this hard-won and precious legacy, in favour of foreign white interests. Blair and his allies will never be allowed to win over us!

ZANU PF is the Party of struggle, liberation and democracy. It was ZANU PF and ZANU PF alone, which led the people of Zimbabwe in their relentless armed struggle against British racist settler colonialism, after forcibly planting itself on our soil in 1890. It was ZANU PF which ended Ian Smith's so-called Unilateral Declaration of Independence (UDI), thereby restoring, albeit briefly, the authority which quiescent Britain had lost through that rebellion by the white racist settlers grouped as Smith's Rhodesia Front (RF). The British Labour Government of the day lacked the courage to intervene militarily to end that rebellion and illegality. Instead it rushed to the United Nations as if it was a liberation movement! Indeed, it was ZANU PF, which won and brought democracy to Zimbabwe from Britain and its white racist settlers here who resisted it. Their anti-democratic posture had the support of many European nations who flouted UN sanctions designed to end UDI and bring about democracy. Even the successive American administrations would not support anti-UDI sanctions, citing their need to secure chrome from the then UDI Rhodesia, then a strategic mineral for America's defense industry. Not once did European governments or the successive American Administrations support ZANU PF or the Zimbabwean people in their fight for democracy and a just dispensation in

Zimbabwe. In other words, neither Europe nor America - the two powers keenest to give us lectures on democracy, had a hand in fighting for, or creating the democracy we enjoy today in the country. No, instead they subverted it out of self-interest. Today we tell them boldly they have no lessons on democracy to impart to us. They cannot teach us democracy today. They had none to give to us for nearly a century of their misrule here. We scoff at and reject such rank hypocrisy.

ZANU PF has nurtured that democracy since Independence in 1980. Unlike countries of the West who continue to hunt for Nazi war criminals to this day, ZANU PF pioneered the policy of National Reconciliation by which Rhodesia's white war criminals stand forgiven, and which has been replicated in other countries of the region and elsewhere in the world. The ZANU PF Government has been able to defend peace and democracy in other countries where both would have been lost: in Mozambique, Somalia, Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and most recently, in Equatorial Guinea where the ZANU PF Government averted a potentially bloody coup led by western mercenaries.

Through this Manifesto, ZANU PF speaks to you and to me, speaks to all Zimbabweans in their many beautiful shades and walks of life, renewing its covenant with the People of this Land, and offering its vision, plans and programmes for the next five years, during which it undertakes to build with them a thriving national economy, they will own and control, a growing and expanding economy that will serve them before all else, ZANU PF offers to the Zimbabwean People its tried and tested leadership for another five years, during which it pledges to consolidate the new direction Zimbabwe has charted for itself, a direction guaranteeing that Zimbabwe shall never be a colony again; that never again shall it ever be a minor or a chattel in global affairs.

ZANU PF YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

ZANU PF is a mass party that defends, projects, promotes, protects and guarantees the rights of the ordinary people, especially the Peasant majority. It is the only Party that understands the National Question and commands most effective ways of resolving it. For fifteen years, it waged a relentless armed struggle against settler colonialism, creating present day conditions for freedom and independence. Beyond the armed struggle, it healed and transformed the once racially truncated society into a non-racial sovereign, sharing and well-integrated democracy we have in Zimbabwe today.

ZANU PF is indeed the maker of a Nation, the maker of a Sovereign people.

For 25 years, the Party and its Government have ensured that we stand proud as an independent African People, asserting our dignity and sovereignty as an African nation. Throughout these years of struggle and on the strength of the concrete experiences hewn from them, ZANU PF has shaped and reshaped its policies to better realize and defend people's interests, giving it the following core values and characteristics:

- ZANU PF is an authentic Zimbabwean nationalist Political Party with a Pan African and Revolutionary background and outlook. It stands fiercely

opposed to imperialism and domination of any kind and form, and from any quarter;

- ZANU PF is the People's Party. It is the Party of the majority, whose mission is the realization of the aspirations of the Zimbabwean people;

- ZANU PF is a vanguard Party of Principles, always leading in mobilizing the broad masses towards the resolution of the National Question;

- ZANU PF is the Party of National Liberation Struggle and Freedom;

- ZANU PF is the Party of heroism and supreme sacrifices;

- ZANU PF is the Party of National Independence and Sovereignty;

- ZANU PF is the Party of National Unity;

- ZANU PF is the Defence of the Nation; the source of National

- ZANU PF brought non-racial democracy, civil liberties

- ZANU PF is the Party for Transformation and Social Justice; including the Right to Vote to all Zimbabwe

- ZANU' PF is the Party that brought back the land. It believes Zimbabweans must enjoy sovereign control over their resources

- ZANU PF is about building a National Economy;

- ZANU PF is the Party for National Development;

- ZANU PF is the Party for Literacy and National Education for All;

- ZANU PF is the Party for Indigenous Empowerment;

- ZANU PF is the Party for Gender Empowerment and Advancement;

- ZANU PF is the Party that espouses National Culture and Consciousness;

- ZANU PF is the Party staunchly opposed to Exploitation and Corruption;

- ZANU PF is the Party for African and Third World unity and solidarity

MARCH 2005 ELECTION: THE BROADER CONTEXT

The Blair Factor

The March 2005 Parliamentary Elections are set to take place against the backdrop of greater but more desperate attempts by Britain's Labour Government to effect "regime change", so Zimbabwe is re-colonised and placed under a pliable puppet government that Blair hopes to use to restore our Land to his white settler kith and kin. Using the lies and smokescreen of democracy, human rights and rule of law, Blair continues to mobilize the western world, albeit with diminishing success, against Zimbabwe. The following truths are known, and continue to expose Blair's lies:

- The dispute between Zimbabwe and Britain is a bilateral one, stemming from unresolved colonial questions, especially over Land;
- Land Reforms were an imperative for ZANU PF, and a matter of political and economic justice and sovereign right and choice for the People of Zimbabwe;
- Zimbabwe's just land reforms are complete and irreversible, with the nation now focused on production;
- Zimbabwe is a vibrant and stable democracy that has held free and fair elections without fail since Independence, and whose electoral standards, integrity and machinery rank second to none on the continent;

ZANU PF is a People's Party and a Party of Liberation, with a very deep and unshakeable relationship with the People; "On the latter two points, we work closely with the MDC on the measures that we should take in respect of Zimbabwe, although I am afraid that these measures and sanctions, although we have them in place, are of limited effect on the Mugabe regime. We must be realistic about that... it is important that we give every chance to, and make every effort to try to help those in South Africa - the Southern part of Africa (sic) to put pressure for change on the Mugabe regime, because there is no salvation for the people of Zimbabwe until that regime is changed". — Tony Blair in the House of Commons, June 14 2004. 9 Under the ZANU PF Government, Zimbabwe has the solid support of Africa and progressive Third World countries. It remains a crucial player in Southern Africa and on the African continent, as exemplified by its stabilization role in the region and continent; 9 Zimbabwe has the means and will to recover its economy. Its successful economic turnaround programme is making the West increasingly marginal, while repositioning progressive countries of the East as its main economic partners;

- Sanctions imposed by the West against the country are illegal and unjust; have not worked and have had the opposite effect of strengthening ZANU PF and the Zimbabwean people in their resolve and determination to build and develop a national economy;
- As a political mongrel of Blair, Bush and the West, MDC has been roundly rejected and declared a political outcast by the People of Zimbabwe, who are set to bury it for good at the forthcoming March poll;
- The ZANU PF will win the forthcoming Parliamentary Election with a landslide, leaving Blair defeated, lonely and isolated in Europe, over Zimbabwe.
- Blair is aware that he and his puppets will be trounced in the March poll.
- He is now desperate.

Throwing all caution to the wind, Blair, on 14th June, 2004, brazenly told the British Parliament that his Labour Party and Government are working with the MDC to bring about "regime change" in Zimbabwe, to restore and secure white interests. While this revelation dramatized blatant interference in our internal affairs and the serious threat this poses to our sovereignty, it amply exposed the MDC for what it is: a British puppet party that is a serious threat to our Independence and the gains thereof, principally land. The people's verdict shall fall on those guilty of this treachery and betrayal of the first order.

The MDC will be buried by the people's landslide.]

The Bush Factor

The American Administration of George W. Bush has worked closely with the MDC to impose illegal sanctions on the people of Zimbabwe. In enlisting American support, the MDC hoped ZANU PF, its Government and the Zimbabwean people would be intimidated into dropping Land Reforms. Again the MDC underestimated the Zimbabwean people's resolve and determination on this one question which is at the core of their sovereignty and worth as a People. At the instigation of Blair and his MDC, the Bush Administration continues to show inexplicable hostility towards the people of Zimbabwe. On 18th January, 2005, Bush's newly appointed Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, confirmed the sinister disposition of the Bush Administration towards Zimbabwe by formally noting it for destabilization, alongside other

Independent-minded countries like Cuba, Iran, North Korea, and Belarus

and Burma. She has followed the footprints of her predecessor, Colin Powell, and the US former Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Walter Kansteiner, both of whom revealed that the Administration had joined in the unholy British campaign of effecting "regime change" in Zimbabwe. Again the MDC welcomed and even celebrated this anti-people disposition of the Bush Administration. Yet today, the MDC seeks the vote of the very same people it is punishing with sanctions, and even wants invaded and occupied.

What rank cynicism and an absolute deficit in patriotism!

The NGQ factor

As the ZANU PF Government decisively implemented its bold land reform programme, the western world led by the Blair Administration began to build and sponsor opposition to the Party, Government and the Land Reform Programme. Apart from the MDC itself, the imperialist world launched and sponsored phoney

" We are working with the civil society that is in Zimbabwe, and that includes a number of human rights groups, some independent journalists groups and so we are actively doing [working to cause regime change], as we are a number of the European Community countries too..." ,

— Walter Kansteiner, US former Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs

non-governmental organizations (NGOs), which in reality were disguised opposition, to fight ZANU PR These organizations have been pushing the agenda of Britain and white farmers embittered by repossession of our land. In both the June 2000 general election and the 2002 Presidential Poll, they organized and campaigned for the MDC, using their pseudo-humanitarian face and the abundant resources made available to them through organisations like the British Westminster Foundation, to penetrate, inveigle and subvert communities into supporting the opposition. Indeed, both the Even with the help of NGOs, the MDC will fail British and the Americans have admitted to this subversive meddling order to influence the direction of the country's politics. Apart from a proliferation of such political NGOs, the same forces have infiltrated the upper echelons of the ZCTU in order to deploy it, alongside South Africa's labour centre, COSATU, against the

Zimbabwean people. Both labour centres are coordinated by the right-wing, CIA-funded International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) whose mission is to promote western interests globally. And of course the political home to racist white South Africa, the Democratic Alliance (DA) of Tony Leon, has adopted the two unions on both sides of the Limpopo, together with the MDC, itself an offshoot of the ZCTU. The hope is to mobilize unions of Southern Africa against Zimbabwe towards the same objective of "**regime change**". Clearly there is a concerted effort on the part of the West to push back the "clock" of the African revolution in Southern Africa, in order to perpetuate to dominance in the region. Zimbabwe has been chosen as the battleground and we dare not fail millions of indigenous Peoples of Southern Africa, whose sovereignty, political and Economic rights stand gravely imperiled and threatened. The ballot has become quite crucial to defeating these machinations of western imperialism.

Successful completion of land reform

An important factor to the March poll is the celebrated fact of Completion of our Land Reforms, which have bigger and better land to our people. The figures speak for themselves

- 5 890 farms covering an area of 7 804 680 hectares of land were compulsorily acquired in the last five under the Third Chimurenga;

- A total of 140 866 families have been resettled under A1 on 2 611 farms measuring 4 236 076 hectares.

- A total of 14 500 people have been resettled under A2 on 2 331 farms measuring 2 329 285 hectares.

Today the landscape of agriculture in the country has totally changed Zimbabwe will once again become the breadbasket of Southern Africa because of the land reform programme

- Today the Son/Daughter and the Soil are once again reconciled!

These many families are not only proud owners of good and better land; they are beginning to reap the fabulous rewards of working that newly acquired land. Their incomes are improving geometrically, with "Millionaires of the Third Chimurenga" sprouting with each season that goes by. The beneficiaries are deeply grateful, overjoyed and ready to support ZANU PF for its resolute stance on this one important national question. They also see their Party, through its Government, helping them equip their Operations through a comprehensive agricultural irrigation and mechanization programme. They see policies of their Party ZANU PF, securing for them inputs with which to make the land productive; arranging softer financing and credit schemes that help

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Successful Economic Turnaround

Balking prophets of gloom and doom, Zimbabwe's economy is clearly on the rebound, thanks to the programme of turning around the economy. The indicators are poignant and screaming:

- Annual inflation declined sharply from a peak of 622.8 in January 2004 to 132.7 in December 2004;
- It continues on this positive downward path, with indications that it will have declined to between 20-35 by the year-end;
- The exchange rate has largely stabilized, underpinned by increased foreign exchange inflows from positive response from the productive sector. Clearly the benefits of the Productive Lector Facility is beginning to be felt;
- Interest rates are gradually coming down, allowing borrowing for production and expansion of economic activity;
- Improving GDP from an all-time low of -8.3 in 2003 to the projected positive growth of between 3 and 5 in 2005.
- Concessional loans continue to be available to strategic sector including agriculture, while fiscal discipline continues to improve
- Investments into infrastructure are being stepped up, while more resources are being released towards small-to-medium sized enterprises;
- Critical sectors of mining and manufacturing are inching toward greater capacity utilization, while tourism is again recovering its full luster;

- Our new "**Look East**" policy is beginning to bear fruit, with new

investment beginning to flow in from that region, most notably from the People's Republic of China, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Islamic Republic of Iran, buttressing the turnaround.

Clearly, Zimbabwe is working, and this positive outlook rebound to the Party by way of an overwhelming vote.

Vibrancy of the Party

An important factor influencing the March poll is the sheer sense of vibrancy and renewal in the Party, ZANU PF. This mood which stands in sharp contrast to that of uncertainty, bicker, confusion, gloom and doom in the opposition MDC, owes to:

- ZANU-PF supporters' traditional zeal to defend the Country, the Party and its ideals;
- Response to the renewed threat of imperialism;
- The huge land reform dividend;
- ZANU PF Government's record of good delivery for the past Twenty-five years;
- the pervasive sense of improving things and direction in the Country;
- The successful Party restructuring programme undertaken throughout the country which revamped the structures of the Party;
- The overwhelming momentum generated by the December 2004 People's Congress;
- Elevation of women to decision-making echelons, exemplified by the ascendancy to Vice Presidency of Cde Joyce "Teurairopa" Mujuru;
- a sense of participation, opportunity, competition and choice during the hostily contested Party Primary Election.
- Support for ZANU PF's vision, plans and programmes for the next five years;
- Disenchantment with the puppet MDC's truant Members of Parliament, leading to an exodus of erstwhile MDC supporters to ZANU PF.

Improved Electoral Environment

As already noted. Tony Blair and his European and American anti-Zimbabwe lobby has been using lies and the fig leaf of democracy and human rights, to impart respectability to their continued

recolonisation designs on Zimbabwe. They have maligned country and its laws on grounds of false and self-fulfilling democratic standards" which are arbitrary and spitefully meant to indict Zimbabwe. Both Blair and Bush have turned themselves into self-appointed judges of Zimbabwe's democracy in order to find an excuse for meddling in her internal affairs. Zanu PF challenges and rejects these latter- day jeremiahs of democracy!

In apparent contempt of our sovereignty and that of our Parliament They have attacked the following pieces of legislation:

- Public Order and Security Act;
- Broadcasting Services Act;
- Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
- Non-Governmental Organisations Bill.

ZANU PF Government's Support for Irrigation

<i>Year</i>	<i>Financial Disbursement</i>
<i>2002</i>	<i>Z\$1,2 billion</i>
<i>2003</i>	<i>Z\$12,0 billion</i>
<i>2004</i>	<i>Z\$135,0 billion</i>

As always, this self-interested attack ignores the fact that these laws were passed by a fully constituted Parliament of Zimbabwe which included their puppets, the MDC. As always, these Hypocritical attacks ignore the fact that these same countries have used the pretext of fighting terrorism to pass the most undemocratic laws that have had the net effect of suspending or abridging civil liberties for their own citizens and citizens of targeted countries Indeed, as always, these pre-emptive attacks hide the open fact that these are "warrior states" that have smashed other sovereign nations, occupied them, in the process destroying the same democracy they pretend to want to achieve abroad.

They have also blamed ZANU PF for violence they know to come from their political proteges, primarily the MDC. Of course the overall intention is to challenge and undermine our sovereignty while weakening our country's defences, for the realization of their sinister aims. They also hope to wring an unfair advantage for the MDC they know will be defeated and forgotten after this election, the biblical last supper of this political anti-christ! Their fall-back plan is to discredit the whole poll as undemocratic, un-free and unfair. The noise about guidelines on elections, and election standards worked out by and for SADC which they are now trying to invoke and use against Zimbabwe, is a facet of the overall strategy towards that end. Zimbabwe has taken decisive measures that will deny Blair and Bush any pretext. To that end, Zimbabwe has put in place:

- a new Electoral Act that introduces far-reaching changes aimed at deepening the electoral ethic

- The Zimbabwe Election Commission Act which creates an Independent electoral authority to run the whole election process;
- Guidelines on equal access to the electronic media, in compliance with both the Broadcasting Services Act and the Electoral Act;
- Stringent measures to curb election-related violence from whatever quarter;
- An effective machinery of admitting well-meaning and open-minded observers into the country, without compromising the integrity of the process, or undermining the country's sovereignty.

Solid Support from Africa and the Third World

Africa has remained solidly behind Zimbabwe, in spite of Blair's repeated attempts to divide the continent. Within the SADC,

Zimbabwe's case enjoys wide, solid support, with its land reform programme taken as a wake-up call to other countries still suffering a social justice deficit arising from racist land policies of the colonial past. The African Union continues to stand by Zimbabwe, in spite of repeated attempts by the West to subvert its institutions. The recent defeat of British machinations in the UN General Assembly underscored the support and respect Zimbabwe commands within the world. This decisive support factor is critical to countervailing the Blair-led anti-Zimbabwe lobby in the West.

ZANU PF VISION FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

Fighting Poverty, Improving Living Standards

The successful completion of the Land Reform Programme; the robust-stabilization and turnaround of the economy, reinforced by rewards flowing from Zimbabwe's bold "Look East" policy, have set the stage for Zimbabwe's Decade under ZANU PF Government. Today, ZANU PF pledges a brighter and more hopeful era where all the sacrifices, strains and pressures associated with the preceding half-decade of the Third Chimurenga, have to give way to a bright future of rich rewards and much improved living standards for all our people. With a growing economy, Government is able to effectively tackle both rural and urban poverty. The policies pursued by the ZANU PF Government in the last five years have already set success factors for poverty eradication and improved welfare standards for our people. These are:

- **The Land Redistribution policy and programme** -which has Democratized access to, and released the all-important asset of land to many households. Throughout human history, the basis and root of rural poverty has always been lack of access to

productive land and the means with which to work it. This is more so on the African continent where agriculture is the source livelihood for the majority of her peoples. ZANU PF believes that the route to end mass poverty on the continent is that of equitable

The agricultural sector will, in the next five years, imbibe and deepen the new culture and ethos of targeted production and contract farming, to meet volumes both for exports and for agro-processing. Working with friendly countries, the ZANU PF Government will Piggery is one of the fastest growing business and new farmers have started massive pig rearing. promote processing investments in the sectors of cotton, tobacco, Soya beans, horticulture and of course the traditional grains. The rapidly expanding Rural Electrification Programme should take such agro processing plants to centres of commodity production

Developing the Matabeleland Zambezi Water Project.

- *Z\$25 billion disbursed as at end of the year 2004*
- *Another Z\$25 billion earmarked*
- *Project now under the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe*

in rural areas for a decentralized, specialized and spatially balanced industrial thrust. This should stimulate cottage industries, small- to-medium scale industries and of course large agro-processing projects that will stimulate economic activity and employment in the countryside, while ultimately raising incomes and standards of living for our people. The Industrial Development Corporation ARDA, Agribank, the proposed Energy, Housing and Infrastructure Bank, and ZESA will be critical to this thrust.

Livestock Development Programme, which aim not only at rebuilding the national herd, but also at making "animal farming" a vital part of rural incomes and household security. This vital component of agriculture will take advantage of the large grazing land now available to rural families, thanks to Land Reforms; to improve livestock management especially in rural areas The drought-prone regions of Matabeleland, Midlands and Masvingo will receive special attention in this programme. Both Agribank and the Cold Storage Company will be vehicles through which such investments will be undertaken. The next five years should see a new outlook in the rural sector, which has not always viewed livestock as "trade-able" assets.

Rebounding Economy: Manufacturing While the last five years saw a precipitous decline in the economy owing to a number of reasons, not least among them declared and undeclared sanctions and repeated natural disasters, including droughts, a firm foundation for recovery is now in place, and is beginning to give promising results.

ZANU PF Government's Support to companies

- *Z\$200 billion disbursed to distressed companies*
- *Z\$2,47 trillion disbursed to companies under Public Sector Facility (PSF) in 2004.*

Already, the falling inflation, stable exchange rate situation, falling interest rates and increased foreign exchange inflows, have started stimulating economic activity. The challenge of low capacity utilization (30 in 2003) is beginning to be overcome as distressed companies continue to receive attention and assistance, while companies that had been closed down are beginning to reopen. Countrywide, the ZANU PF Government, through its Reserve Bank, has disbursed Z\$200bn towards resuscitating companies in distress, much of it going to the country's second capital, Bulawayo, which was badly hit by closures.

The distressed companies facility has been complemented by yet another concessional facility, the Productive Sector Facility (PSF) meant to induce greater capacity utilization in the economy. A total amount of Z\$2,47 trillion was disbursed between January and December 2004. It is quite telling that by end of 2004, capacity utilization nationwide had risen to between 60-70. The ZANU PF Government pledges to hit the 90 capacity utilization target by end of 2005. Clearly the measures are beginning to pay off and the economy is on the rebound. With all this has come greater employment, one of our biggest formulae for poverty eradication. And what yesterday was a disturbing trend of "political close-downs" of firms, is today presenting itself as an opportunity for rapid indigenous-led takeovers in that sector. The next five years should address issues of full capacity utilization while enlarging the stake of indigenous people in the manufacturing sector.

Rebounding Economy: Mining The ZANU PF Government will continue to take advantage of the firming prices of minerals on the international market to increase earnings from mining, as well as to encourage more investments in the sector. The positive growth of 11,6 experienced by the sector in 2004, up from a decline of 9,8 in 2003, will be buttressed in 2005 and beyond. The sectors

Parastatal restructuring

Z\$9 trillion allocated for parastatal reforms

Z\$3 trillion for local authority restructuring

of gold and platinum are particularly crucial, with bold moves in the offing to ensure that production is stepped up; new claims are worked on and capacity for value-addition developed. Zimbabwe powerhouse" and this "platinum power" must be deployed and used to bolster the national interest. This area will, in the next five years, receive particular attention to ensure greater investments upstream, as well as meaningful indigenous participation. ZANU PF has also taken bold decisions in respect of strategic asbestos mines that faced closure from corporate waywardness. Thousands of jobs were at risk and millions of souls stood exposed, not to mention the impact on the whole economy. Today, the asbestos mines of Mashava and Shabani are working full throttle, and families are secure. ZANU PF is fully aware of its

responsibilities when it comes to strategic mining operations, and next five years should see stability and growth restored in these critical sub-sectors of mining. Equally, the "sleeping sprawling energy" by way of unexploited coal beds and methane gas deposits will have to be woken up in the next five years. Apart from generating greater employment, this thrust will be linked to the overall energy development policy and strategy for the country. Already, foreign partners have been identified and the pace henceforth shall be rapid and decisive. Overall, the whole mining regime will receive close attention to ensure claims are not held for speculative purposes, but are worked on to ensure greater mining activity.

Rebounding Economy: Tourism The British and opposition- led campaign to demonize and vilify the country has been quite damaging to tourism. However, the sector is on the rebound, and is the beginning to contribute meaningfully to foreign exchange earnings?

The success of the ZANU PF Government in exposing the falsehoods of this anti-Zimbabwe lobby is translating into more arrivals at all our unique tourism destinations. In the next five years, the ZANU PF Government will align its air transport policy to the tourism recovery and promotion master-plan which will put accent on cultivating visitors from the Far and the Middle East. The recently opened air route to the Far East is the beginning of such a close alignment of tourism and air transport policy. New routes linking Zimbabwe with the Middle East and the Persian Gulf will enhance this thrust, which should see a new tourist type at our resorts, but without alienating our traditional markets, or undermining domestic tourism.

Rebounding Economy: Small to Medium- Scale Enterprise (SMEs) A people's party is necessarily involved with a people's economy. Zanu pf's experiences of the past five years have clearly demonstrated the importance of the informal sector, the sector which proved a robust cushion to many families whose breadwinners had been summarily dismissed as white employers embittered by Land Reforms hit back. SMEs provided real refuge to our people who otherwise would have been in distress. But the same years also demonstrated little work that has been done to support this sector of the majority. The national planning template has tended to obsess with the formal sector, indeed with big companies whose ability and readiness to create jobs for our people, has been declining for a variety of reasons. Pro-people economic policies are SME-focused, and the next five years will upgrade this sector of "the small man and woman", placing it at the core of national investment and facilitation effort. ZANU PF's umbrella shelters, small welders, small millers, cottage makers of peanut butter, freezits, man and women in the clothing and sewing business. It is also home to vendors.

Now with ZESA's rural electrification programme, such a campaign can now benefit rural growth centers. It is also very clear to the ZANU PF Government that the viability and vibrancy of this crucial sector depends largely on welcoming and functioning cities, towns and growth points. This is by way of by-laws, rates policies and the general provisioning of pro-SMEs services and infrastructure. Infrastructure for SMEs should be as well integrated into development plans of our cities the same way clinics and service centers are incorporated. The provisioning of affordable "Peopled

Markets" must be mandatory in local governance in the next five years. Happily, the ZANU PF Government has just unveiled a master plan for revamping and recapitalising municipalities and other local authorities throughout the country, worth Z\$3 trillion.

ZANU PF promises to speak to the market women and speak vendors through such works.

• **Rebounding Economy: Infrastructure** ZANU PF and its Government have bold plans for the development of the country infrastructure in the next five years. The water sector will continue to receive great attention to augment the country's water reservoir in order to secure the country's food security. The southern region of Matabeleland will witness major water and agriculture development programmes, including the Matabeleland Zambia Water Project towards which Z\$25 billion has already been disbursed, with another Z\$25 billion on the way. Outstanding water projects will be completed, with more small-to-medium dams being constructed to support micro-projects in run communities. The ZANU PF Government has pursued aggressive irrigation infrastructure rehabilitation work development programme since 2002. In 2002, the ZANU PF Government disbursed Z\$1, 2bn for rehabilitation work. The following year, Z\$12bn was allocated. In 2004, the figure dramatically rose to Z\$135bn. Already, Z\$20bn has been allocated for 2005, with more resources expected for the same programme. Equally important will be the energy sector where the main infrastructural projects will be the expansion of Hwange and Kariba which should see us reduce our level of power imports. The goodwill which ZANU PF and its Government has cultivated with countries like China and the Islamic Republic of Iran, is turning, these project into reality. Other energy-related projects including exploiting vast reservoirs of coal and methane gas, with plans quite indeed is part of the broader plan of making rural areas attractive economic activity poles.

Rebounding economy: Parastatal and Local Authorities

Reforms Parastatals are an important sector and factor both to the stabilization and stimulation of the economy. When under-performing, they introduce huge inefficiencies into the economy, as well as undermining fiscal discipline. To the extent that these institutions are located in strategic areas like energy, agriculture, transport and communications, their underperformance robs the economy of vital support services, apart from shedding off labour. The same also passes for local authorities, including municipalities, which shape the "habitats" of our industry and commerce. The ZANU PF Economic Turnaround Programme envisages a revitalization and reorientation of parastatals and local authorities to introduce greater efficiencies and professionalism. A total of Z\$12 trillion has been allocated for this purpose, of which Z\$13 trillion is for local Authorities, which should provide improved services to ratepayers and business starting this year.

Resounding Social Gains: Education

As a party of the grassroots, Zanu PF is certain to build on the phenomenal progress in the education registered during the last 25 years making Zimbabwe one of the most literate societies in the world. With literacy level well above 86%, Zanu PF and its government are far from complacency. The phenomenal expansion of primary, secondary and tertiary education

has introduced new strains in the educational system. While education remains largely accessible to most families, thanks to the many schools built by our people supported by their government, it is quite clear that the whole educational infrastructure needs revamping. Many schools need resources with which to renovate old buildings while putting up new classrooms. There is a sore cry for well-equipped laboratories for both "O" and "A" Level classes. Books are in short supply, as is also classroom furniture. Although power has begun reaching many schools through the Rural Electrification Programme, not all schools are connected. Teachers' quarters remain woefully short and in some schools quite sub-standard. Then of course there is the whole question of affordable fees without which our education will grow increasingly inaccessible. Happily, the BEAM programme has effectively adopted most pupils from humble backgrounds, making it possible for them to access education. Happily too, the challenge of providing qualified teachers is now a problem of the past, with many remote rural schools boasting graduate teachers. The people have confidence that the ZANU PF Government which has consistently allocated the biggest vote to education, has the will and ingenuity to tackle these challenges in the next five years. Indeed, in many schools this is already beginning to happen. Science and Technology are at the centre of national development. This has not been lost upon the ZANU PF Government that has created a Department of Science and Technology housed in the Office of the President and Cabinet. Its task is to promote the incubation and development of new and adapted technologies and research in the country. The Scientific and Industrial Research and Development Centre will continue to be supported, augmenting research activity already underway in the country's various universities, most notably the National University of Science and Technology (NUST). Special emphasis will be placed on introducing Information Technology (IT) in schools, in order to modernize the country's education system. The school computerization programme launched last year by the President and First Secretary of ZANU PF, Cde R.G. Mugabe, and which has seen him donate ten computers and two printers at each twenty selected schools in all the Provinces, is an emphatic beginning to this wider computerization programme that is set to be implemented by the ZANU PF Government in the next five years. University education continues to expand, and in the next few years, emphasis will be placed on aligning it to the lead sectors of our economy and vision, as well as on greater vocationalisation of tertiary institutions.

Spectacular gains in Education

- *Enrolment in primary schools grew from 1,2m in 1980 to 2,4m in 2004.*
- *Enrolment in secondary schools grew from 74 000 in 1980 to 826 000 in 2004.*
- *Teacher education colleges grew from 8 in 1980 to 13 presently.*
- *Teacher education enrolment grew from 4 900 in 1980 to 18 500 in 2004.*
- *Technical colleges grew from 2 in 1980 to 8 in 2004.*
- *Enrolment in technical colleges grew from 3 000 in 1980 to 16 000 presently.*
- *Three polytechnics are now offering degree programmes.*
- *At Independence in 1980, Zimbabwe had one University. Today, Zimbabwe has universities.*
- *University enrolment has risen from 2 000 in 1980 to 47 000 presently.*

• Resounding Social Gains: Health Fighting the HIV/AG pandemic remains a crucial calling for the Party ZANU PF, and Government. While the AIDS Levy is proving quite important bringing relief and succor to families affected by the pandemic more resources will continue to be directed at preventive measurement which include raising awareness about risky behaviour. The pilot reprogramme of providing anti-retroviral drugs to affected persons will now be expanded to cover the whole country in the next five years. The pandemic has put a strain on the national health service, and ZANU PF and its Government will evolve strategies for revamping the Health Sector to be better able to cope with the increased demand for services. The policy of the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare has rightly emphasized primary and preventive health care, and it has also involved the people through the successful Primary Health Care (PHC) system. The training of Health personnel will be continued and even increased. In order to achieve better sanitation and health, the Government should pay special attention to the provision of adequate and clean water supply in the big cities, and build many more boreholes in the rural areas. Water shortages in the cities should never be tolerated. The ZANU PF Government should and will increase health expenditure, and direct the allocations of those funds to the rehabilitation of the infrastructure in the urban areas.

The ZANU PF Government has embarked on a programme of rehabilitation and repairs of the referral hospitals in the large cities because they also handle cases from provincial and even district hospitals. Beginning this year, Z\$40 billion have been allocated to Harare Hospital for maintenance, rehabilitation, and repair work; another Z\$40 billion has been allocated to Mpilo Hospital in Bulawayo, and yet another Z\$120 billion to United Bulawayo Hospitals, making a grand total of Z\$100 billion.

Resounding Gains: Women on the Move For many years now the Party has regarded empowerment and advancement of women as a central feature of the work of the Party and Government. The new nation could not be built without the strong participation of the women in the

political life, in the building of self-reliant economy, and in nurturing the children - new generation.

Landmark decisions were taken over the last 20 years, which improved the status and position of women in our society. But that was not enough to turn around the corner of traditionalist and male chauvinism. But the turning point came when a decision was taken at the last National People's Congress giving the women 50 seats in the Central Committee. The Congress resolution went further to state that for every three positions in each and every Party organ, at least one must be occupied by a woman.

That decision was followed by the strong participation of women in political organs of the Party; it gave the women confidence to compete for positions in the leadership of all organs of the Party. At the Congress held in December 2004, the women scored major victory with the election to the

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position of
Vice
President
and Second

Secretary of Comrade Joyce Teurai Ropa Mujuru. This was the first time for a woman to be elected to such a position in the entire history of the Party. It was a fitting tribute to a woman

whose life and work is admired and esteemed most highly by Zimbabweans of all strata in society. She is a brave soldier, a distinguished freedom fighter, a shrewd politician, a good administrator, and a loving mother of children and the new generation of Zimbabweans. The elevation of Mrs. Mujuru should inspire women to move forward and take a leadership role. The awakening of the women folk will strengthen Zimbabwe. The Party wants to see the Mujuru example emulated everywhere in the next 5 years.

Resounding Gains: The Youth Youth of today are the leaders and rulers of tomorrow. A national youth service already started will be expanded to ensure our acquired skills enable them to create jobs instead of hunting for jobs on the labour market. A lot of manpower and resources will go into developing and educating the Youth. That thrust will be maintained for the next 5 years. Youth Training centres will be maintained, with their curricula broadened to include a wider repertoire skills training. The programme already underway of putting the Youths on the land, will continue, supported by a comprehensive input programme.

Resounding Gains: The Disabled ZANU PF will continue to stand with that part

of our citizenry, which is physically challenged. The ZANU PF Government's Macro-Economic Policy Framework for 2005 and 2006 provides for a specific Special Fund for the disabled and for those exposed to special ailments. In the next, five years, the Party's programme of empowerment should encompass the disabled who deserve recognition by way of incorporation into critical echelons of decision-making.

But nothing should be left to erratic and ad-hoc efforts. The recognition; disability must be mandatory and sustained. ZANU PF will push for a "**Disability Clause**" into its Constitution, on the basis of which it will sponsor a similar addition to the country's Constitution

Resounding Social Gains: Drought Relief Zimbabwe is, vulnerable to vagaries of nature, especially devastating drought that seems to visit it every ten years. Since Independence, it has, suffered three serious droughts in 1982,1992 and 2001/2002, some of them spanning over two years. The drought of 2002 was particularly bad in that it was preceded by an equally devastating cyclone, which destroyed crops and homes. During such hard years, the People's Government sustained many lives, peaking I 2001/2002 when well over 7,8 million people - or more than half of the country's population - had to be sustained by the ZANU PF Government. In between such droughts, the ZANU PF Government would fend for its citizens living in those agro-ecological regions, which suffer perennial food deficit because of sparse rainfall. The ZANU PF Government has ensured that no Zimbabwean has perished from hunger, much as its detractors enjoy presenting Zimbabwe as a food insecure country where "people" are falsely said to be perpetually hungry or dying. The huge investment in irrigation infrastructure and of course access to better land has enhanced even further the national food security situation. ZANU PF will resist food assistance, which is meant to undermine the country's ability to meet its own food requirements; in order to turn it into a market for syndicated "grain barons" of Europe and America. It is confident that within the next few years, the national food security will be secure and assured.

Resounding Social Gains: National Housing Until 2000, the ZANU PF Government steadily provided housing to ordinary Zimbabweans living in urban areas. Under ZANU PF, municipalities were people-orientated, dispensing quality service to ratepayers. However, with the ascendancy of the MDC after its freak performance in local government elections of 2002, disaster struck in those municipalities it controls, with housing delivery coming to a virtual standstill. ZANU PF through its Government has had to respond robustly to this endemic mal-administration, in some cases dismissing errant MDC mayors and councilors. To arrest the snow balling housing backlog, the ZANU PF Government has rolled out a National Housing Delivery Programme aiming at providing 1250 000 housing stands by 2008. Between January an December 2004, about 250 000 housing units and stands were allocated to the urban homeless in the country. The ZANU Pf Government has set construction targets for itself between now and 2008 which are as follows:

Harare	100800
Bulawayo	36 000
Mashonaland Central	9 700
Midlands	21 360
Matabeleland North	6 220
Matabeleland South	8 320
Manicaland	16 250

Mashonaland East	12 820
Mashonaland West	24 000
Masvingo	24000
Total	

This year, the ZANU PF Government has allocated **\$2,286 trillion** for housing and infrastructure development in our urban centers.

FIGHTING CORRUPTION

ZANU PF abhors corruption by whomsoever. It has cracked the whip against the cancer of corruption and the corrupt ones have either fallen or are on the run. The Financial Sector of the country was festering and bold decisions to clean it up were taken, all the time protecting the banking public. The Blair government remains the biggest impediment in this fight against corruption. It has granted refugee and succour to corrupt individuals facing charges and will not repatriate them. The ZANU PF Government is determined to hunt them down until all are brought to book. Measures towards achieving a "clean" society, served by "clean" institutions will continue to be taken. On this matter, ZANU PF knows no sacred cows, rank or compassion.

BUILDING REGIONAL SOLIDARITY

As an amalgam of two former liberation movements, ZANU PF is well in tune with the ethos of struggle that define political relations of leading parties of the Southern Africa region. The values of the struggle, crystallized by the seminal Frontline States Grouping, continue to hold sway in our region which is conscious of the unfinished business of decolonisation. It is this awareness which has made the region embrace Zimbabwe's struggle to recover her land, a struggle that has opened immense possibilities for resolving similar situations in Namibia and South Africa where land distribution remains racially skewed. By keeping alive the ethos and goals of liberation, SADC has remained focused and solidly behind Zimbabwe in her struggle against resurging British imperialism. Indeed, SADC has taken up and supported Zimbabwe's case at many international forums, including the UN. It has also given a clear and consistent cue to the African Union whose position on the all-important questions of land and Zimbabwe's sovereignty has been unequivocal. Indeed, Zimbabwe's pre-emptive role in foiling a potentially bloody, mercenary-led coup in Equatorial Guinea, has been appreciated on the continent.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Under ZANU PF, Zimbabwe continues to pursue a robust and independent foreign policy, which embodies the aspirations of the developing world. That policy eschews imperialism or any form of domination of one people by another. It abhors the unilateralism of powerful nations and opposes aggression and occupation of smaller nations by bigger and more powerful

ones. It firmly believes that both the United States of America and the United Kingdom must unconditionally end the occupation of Iraq which they seek to legitimize and perpetuate through sham elections. The second Gulf War was an illegal war based on deception and falsehoods. But that war also dramatized the need to reform the United Nations to curb excesses of unilateral power. As evidence of Zimbabwe is well-recognized stature in international affairs, it was nominated to be part of regional committees tasked to work out blueprints for this long-stalled restructuring. Zimbabwe shall never be a passage or a haven for terrorists, mercenaries, and insurgents bent on destabilizing other states. Through the new "Look East" Policy, Zimbabwe is charting a new course away from the tradition dependence on the colonial West, in order to boost relations with Countries of the Far East and the Persian Gulf. Apart from cordial relations with the People's Republic of China, one of Zimbabwe closest ally in the liberation struggle, this new policy has connects Zimbabwe to leading economies of Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia Thailand and the Islamic Republic of Iran. This policy is beginning to bear fruit, with these countries concretely supporting Zimbabwe land reform programme and her overall bid to strengthen her economy.

UNITY. OUR PRINCIPAL DEFENCE

As Zimbabweans go to the polls in March, it is important that the remain cognizant of the fact that their sovereignty continues to be challenged and threatened by those who stood to lose from her Independence, and by those whose vested interests have been upset by her firm wish to take full charge of her own affairs including her resources. These enemies of the People daily plot this country's ruin, all the time looking for potential opening through which to subvert our freedom and independence. Our principal weapon for defeating this threat is unity and a shared sense of purpose. We should work for solid unity, eschewing petty differences and divisions that give advantage to the enemy. And there is a lot that binds us one unto another, not least our common and shared Zimbabwean-ness built on the firm and solid foundation of one country, one history, one Land, one rich and diverse culture and tradition, one national identity and yes, one collective aspiration. This should continue to bind us into total unity, built on the Unity Accord of December 1987, indeed built on the rich legacy of our common struggle and shared values.

Together we will win!

Pamberi neChimurenga!

Pambili lokubambana!

Pamberi nekuvhotera ZANU FF!

Pambili lokuvhotela iZANU PF!

Pamberi nekuhwina maElection!

Pambili lokuwina amaElection!

Pasi neMDC!

Pansi leMDC!

