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Monday, September 15, 2003

Message of support to COSATU

by Marcella Naidoo, National Director

Black Sash acknowledges Cosatu's pre-eminent role in organising and mobilising workers to play a decisive role in determining the pace, shape and content of our transformation towards democracy

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A contest for the hearts and minds of the poor

by Business Report

One issue that will be high on the manifestos of all parties contesting for the hearts and minds of voters is effective poverty alleviation and eradication.

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Wednesday, June 18, 2003

Coalition for a Basic Income Grant submission

by Coalition

The Basic Income Grant Coalition is a national coalition of civil society organisations that have come together to call for the introduction of a national Basic Income Grant (BIG) to address the poverty crisis in South Africa.

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Wednesday, March 26, 2003

TAC civil disobedience campaign - update

by Black Sash

TAC chairperson, Zackie Achmat, has challenged ANC Western Cape spokesperson on health, Cameron Dugmore, to a public debate

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Saturday, March 15, 2003

Proposal for administration of BIG

by S P Penderis, Institute for Social Dev, UWC

This paper addresses a critical issue regarding the introduction of a BIG, namely, the mechanism for registration, delivery (payment) and administration.

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Wednesday, March 05, 2003

Letter to the Press

by Isobel Frye, National Advocacy Manager

It is high time that the recommendations of the Taylor Committee of Inquiry into a Comprehensive Social

Security system be considered with the respect that should be afforded it.

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Friday, February 14, 2003

Response to President's speech in Parliament

by Various

The Black Sash applauds the President's announcement of the extension of the Child Support Grant to children up to the age of 14.

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Submission to Portfolio Committee on Finance

by Black Sash Advocacy

Black Sash objection to proposed Section 20 of the Insurance Amendment Bill 2002

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Comments on Social Relief of Distress

by Black Sash Advocacy

We were asked by the national department to put forward our comments and concerns pertaining to the current and future delivery of Social Relief of Distress.

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Monday, January 20, 2003

Access to Credit for the Poor Report (Part 1 of 3)

by Duncan Marsh and others

"They (money lenders) are fisherman. They talk nicely with a sweet tongue. The night before repayments are due I cannot sleep, not knowing where I'll get the money from. Once you are in, you can't get out." (Female borrower, Knysna)

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Access to Credit for the Poor (Part 3 of 3)

by Duncan Marsh

Final part of the report ...

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BIG Fact Sheet 3 - An extension of the CSG

by Various

Basic Income Grant of R100 per month would have unique advantages for children. Not only would children benefit directly from a universal grant, but they would also benefit indirectly.

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National & Regional Campaigns - 3rd quarter report

by Various

The advice offices participate in various national and regional campaigns - this is a combined report for the 3rd quarter 2002.

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BIG Fact Sheet 2 - An effective alternative?

by Various

Public works programmes and food vouchers might be other valuable components of a comprehensive social protection package; however, none of these initiatives can have such a wide reach and such a deep, immediate and lasting effect as the BIG.

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BIG Fact Sheet 1 - Overcoming dependency

by Various

One of the objections to the introduction of a Basic Income Grant is the notion that the grant would increase "dependency".

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Declaration of BIG Coalition Leaders' Summit

by Various

We have the means and the capacity to put a better life within the grasp of every South African – a life of dignity, free from hunger and destitution.

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Stages of HIV infection

by Black Sash Advocacy

Information on the four stages of HIV/AIDS

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Mobilising a Coalition for Basic Income Grant i
by Various

In June 2001, a number of organisations including the Black Sash, COSATU and SACC joined together to form a coalition to campaign together for a Basic Income Grant.

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How will a BIG be financed - fact sheet
by Various

Economists estimate that a Basic Income Grant of R100 per month for all from the cradle to the grave would cost R46 billion per year.

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by Various

Private Money & Political Parties in South Africa: The case for transparency is made: Let reform follow soon.

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MASITYE - BIG Newsletter - Issue 2
by Doug Tilton & Karen Kallmann

We are inviting people to submit stories, reports, questions and subscription requests to masitye@hotmail.co.za.

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Harold Wolpe Forum - Socio Economic Rights
by Geoff Budlender

While the constitutions of other countries settles changes which have taken place, ours sets goals for where we want to be.

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Govt to up old age pensions, child care grants
by Donwald Pressly

The South African government intended to put to parliament proposals to raise the current levels of the old age pension and child support grants.

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Govt to consider food stamps, vouchers
by Donwald Pressly**

The Departments of Social Development and Agriculture have been tasked to investigate the "efficacy" of food stamps and food vouchers, says Agriculture Minister Thoko Didiza.

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Facts about a Basic Income Grant
by Various**

New facts about the basic income grant proposed to Cabinet for consideration.

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BIG Coalition Calls for hearings and consultation
by Black Sash**

The Basic Income Grant (BIG) Coalition urgently calls on Members of Parliament to promote broad public understanding and discussion of anti-poverty initiatives.

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The Minister of Social Development in Parliament
by Parliamentary records**

The Minister of Social Development's reply to a question asked in Parliament 18 September 2002
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The BIG Link at the WSSD
by Various

A 1,8 km human chain linking the inter-governmental summit in the plush Sandton Convention Centre to the poverty of nearby Alexandra.
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BIG Panel Discussion at WSSD
by Karen Kallmann

Making a BIG difference: Can universal income support grants spark sustainable and equitable growth?
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BIG - Administration: Registration & Delivery
by S P Penderis

The ultimate success of a BIG is dependent on the grant reaching the most vulnerable in society. It is thus essential that the delivery mechanisms are effective and sustainable.
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Basic Income Grant Submission - Executive Summary
by Black Sash advocacy

The BIG Coalition strongly supports the expeditious introduction of a Basic Income Grant as an essential and affordable mechanism to reduce poverty and increase social justice in South Africa.
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BIG Petition - Xhosa
by Black Sash Staff

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BIG Petition - English
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**PROPOSAL FOR ADMINISTRATION OF BIG
by SP Penderis**

The ultimate success of a BIG is dependent on the grant reaching the most vulnerable in society.

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**BIG Coalition update
by Blacksash Advocacy Unit**

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**South Africans for a Basic Income Grant
by Various**

Poverty and inequality pose the greatest threat to South Africa's young democracy. A bold initiative is urgently needed to confront this challenge.

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**Basic Income Grant - Submission to Task Team
by Ashnie Padarath, Regional Director**

Poverty continues to be an increasing feature of South African society. About 53% of the population can be classified as poor and 29% as ultra poor.

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Tuesday, May 15, 2001

**Access to Credit for the Poor - Banking Submission
by Lauren Nott, Regional Director**

The Black Sash wishes to use this opportunity to challenge the Banking Council on the scope and ambit of the Code of Banking Practice.

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