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Comrade chairperson, members of COSATU, militant of the workers and your undisputed discipline, it is a matter of great honour that we stand here today to celebrate our heroic day of the workers 1st May.

Comrades you have been in the forward rank of our fighting formation in the labour movement. We in the United Democratic Front wish to salute your efforts, discipline and your militant spirit that had forced the Pretoria regime to recognise this day. To us this day is a symbol of our victory. We have engaged the enemy in all angles. We have managed to reverse their gains to be our victories.

Comrades, Friends and Compatriots we must agree in principle here today that these are small changes in the situation of our country. But we say it is not enough. Cde Nelson Mandela point it out that the people who recognise and support these mere changes are those people who support apartheid. The all-round struggles of our people have forced the regime to accept talks with the ANC as a reality. Due to our struggle and achievements there is a real prospect of negotiations as a site of struggle that should be fought. We are always mindful that the Pretoria regime and its allies Margaret Thatcher, Bushes may try to use negotiations to demobilize our people. In this comrades it will be a mistake to divorce negotiations and mass action. Therefore it is vital important to combine negotiations with mass action.

Comrades we must be aware about the dirty divisive action of the enemy. Their strategy of divide and rule is their last kick. The regime is trying to bring to the negotiation table many organisations and individuals that do not have a mass support amongst the people. The intention is to equate popular formations like our broad non-racial democratic organisation the ANC with discredited, unpopular bodies of the puppet structures.

It is important therefore to ensure that those who go to the negotiating table represent their communities. In order to ensure this process comrade we should work towards non-racial elections to the true representatives of the people. The apartheid regime strategies of the Bantu stans had dismally fail. Its a disgrace to see F.W De Klerk still recognise the Bantu stans policy. Comrades let us not be fooled by these petty changes. Let us not fold our shoulders and abadone our organisations. I would like to put this clear to all of you today that we must strenghten our organisation in all front. We must campaign for a Constituent Assembly that will draft a new constitution for our country.

Comrades, Compatriots and friends I would like to share with you the future of UDF in this changing situation. As the ANC unbanned what is the future of this front. We the UDF feel that :

1. The UDF must continue to exist and function.
2. The UDF shall not play the role of political vanguard. This is now the role of the African National Congress.
3. The UDF must facilitate the building of ANC and SACP structures.

In conclusion comrades I would like to quote the slogan of Communist Party that says " Workers of the world Unite". This slogan was motivated by the first communist leader in Russia Lenin who had said " Workers of the world and oppress people Unite". So comrades the latter slogan tell us more about our unity. Let us resume to build our mass based organisation like Civic, Workers Orgs. and ANC.

We must therefore be clear that negotiations do not mean the end of the struggle. They are a continuation of the struggle and become possible because of the advances we have scored in the course of our general offensive against the apartheid system.

The UDF support the struggle of the workers against privatesation and against labour bill. We even support Nationalisation for the benefit of equal distribution to all ^{OF WEALTH} peace loving people ^{IN} South Africa.

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