



Communist Party of Swaziland message of solidarity to the *International Forum on Justice and Sovereignty for RIF*

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Comrades, Friends, Sisters, and Brothers,

On behalf of the Communist Party of Swaziland, I extend our revolutionary greetings and unwavering solidarity to the International Forum on Justice and Sovereignty for RIF. We stand with you in your noble struggle for justice, sovereignty, and the right to self-determination.

The people of RIF have endured decades of oppression, marginalization, and systemic injustice. Their fight for dignity, equality, and autonomy is not just their struggle, it is a universal struggle for all oppressed peoples. The Communist Party of Swaziland recognizes the interconnectedness of liberation movements across the globe. Your fight is our fight, and your victory will be a victory for all who seek freedom from exploitation and tyranny.

We firmly believe that the principles of justice, sovereignty, and self-determination are universal and indivisible. The struggles of the RIF people resonate deeply with our own fight against the oppressive monarchy in Swaziland, where the majority of our people are denied basic democratic rights, economic justice, and freedom of expression. Just as the RIF people demand their rightful place in the world, we too are committed to dismantling the structures of oppression that perpetuate inequality and injustice in our society.

Historical Context of the Struggle

The struggle of the RIF people is deeply rooted in a history of colonial domination, economic exploitation, and cultural erasure. For too long, the voices of the RIF have been silenced, their lands exploited, and their rights denied. This forum represents a critical moment to reflect on this history and to chart a path forward that honours the sacrifices of those who have fought for justice.

We must remember that the struggle for sovereignty is not merely a political battle; it is a fight for the very soul of a people. It is about reclaiming identity, culture, and the right to determine one's own future. The RIF's resistance is a beacon of hope for all oppressed communities, demonstrating that even in the face of overwhelming odds, the spirit of liberation cannot be extinguished.

The Role of International Solidarity

This gathering in Algiers is a testament to the power of international solidarity. It is through such forums that we can share experiences, strategies, and solutions to overcome the challenges posed by imperialism, colonialism, and neo-colonialism. This is what the recent Global for Civilization Dialogue held in Beijing promoted. The congratulations message to the dialogue from Comrade Xi Jinping, the General Secretary of the Communist Party of China and President of the People's Republic of China, emphasised the need to promote building of global networks for dialogue and cooperation amongst civilisations and inject new impetus for into the progress amongst people for justice, peace and development of the world. The Communist Party of Swaziland firmly believes that no struggle is isolated. The fight for justice in RIF is part of a broader global movement against oppression and exploitation.

We must continue to build bridges between movements, to learn from each other's successes and failures, and to amplify the voices of the marginalized. Solidarity is not just a moral obligation; it is a strategic necessity. Together, we are stronger, and together, we can dismantle the structures of oppression that seek to divide us.

The Path Forward

The Communist Party of Swaziland reaffirms its commitment to the principles of justice, equality, and socialism. We believe that true sovereignty can only be achieved through the empowerment of the working class and the eradication of all forms of exploitation. This requires not only political liberation but also economic and social transformation.

We must work to build societies where resources are equitably distributed, where the rights of all people are respected, and where the voices of the marginalized are heard. This is the vision that drives our struggle, and it is the vision that we must all strive to realize.

As we gather in Algiers, let us seize this opportunity to strengthen bonds of solidarity and to chart a course toward a just and equitable future. Let us remember that our struggles are interconnected, and our unity is our greatest strength.

We urge all participants to engage in open and honest dialogue, to share their experiences and insights, and to commit to concrete actions that advance the cause of justice and sovereignty. The time for empty rhetoric is over; the time for action is now.

In closing, the Communist Party of Swaziland stands in solidarity with the people of RIF and with all those who are fighting for justice and sovereignty. We are inspired by your courage, your resilience, and your unwavering commitment to the cause of liberation.

Let us continue to fight together, to share ideas, and to build a world where every nation, every community, and every individual can thrive in peace and dignity.

Long live the struggle for justice and sovereignty!

Long live international solidarity!

Long live the people of RIF!

Forward to victory!

Thank you

