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Memorandum of Demands for 24 September 2025

Protests Against the Economic Exclusion of South African Youth

To: The President of the Republic of South Africa - Cyril Ramaphosa

Cc: Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation - <u>Dr Nobuhle Pamela Nkabane</u>,

Minister of Labour and Employment - Minister Nomakhosazana Meth

From: The Youth and People of South Africa (#YouthReclaimSA)

Date: 24 September 2025

Location: Union Buildings, Pretoria & Nationwide Protests

Introduction

We, the youth and people of South Africa, come together in peaceful protest to express our frustration with the current state of the country. We are united, strategic, and committed to building a better future for all.

Our protest is peaceful and nonviolent—but it is also persistent, driven, and youth-led. While the revolution may not be televised because mainstream media is captured, it will surely be digital, people-powered, and unstoppable.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Core Issues, Demands, and Expected Outcomes

1. Accountability & Corruption

- **Demand:** End systemic corruption and looting of state resources.
- Expected Outcomes:
 - Full publication of all government contracts, tenders, and procurement within
 7 days.



• Independent investigations and prosecutions for leaders implicated in corruption within **30 days**.

• Timeline:

- First report and outline of action within **7 days**.
- Ongoing updates every 30 days.
- Required Commitment: Respondents must specify what disciplinary, financial, or leadership actions will be taken if corruption persists.
- Consequence of Failure: If no measurable action is presented within 7 days, a new nationwide protest will be organised, demanding the resignation of the President, the Minister of Higher Education, and the Minister of Labour.

2. Youth Unemployment & Economic Exclusion

 Demand: Urgent investment in youth-led industries, entrepreneurship, and innovation.

• Expected Outcomes:

- Publication of a national employment plan for youth with clear, measurable job creation targets within 7 days.
- Specific commitment to roll back the tender system in favour of sustainable public works and youth-owned initiatives.

• Timeline:

- 7 days: Outline of the plan and measurable activities.
- 90 days: Progress report showing job creation and training initiatives launched.
- Required Commitment: The Government must specify what actions it will take if job creation targets are not met.
- Consequence of Failure: If no plan is presented within 7 days, we will march again, demanding the immediate resignation of all named respondents.

3. Mental Health Crisis in Universities

- Demand: Recognition and urgent action on the mental health crisis, particularly among NSFAS students.
- Expected Outcomes:



- A **detailed breakdown** of government spending by age group within **7 days**:
 - Skills development & employment for youth under 25
 - Skills development & employment for youth under 35
 - Pensions for citizens aged 60+
 - Salaries and benefits for 60+ individuals in Parliament/government
- A detailed action plan on how resource distribution will be made equitable, including youth mental health support.

• Timeline:

- o 7 days: Full financial disclosure and action plan.
- 30 days: Implementation of initial support measures for student mental health.
- **Required Commitment:** The Government must specify what consequences will follow if it fails to provide transparency or implement the plan.
- Consequence of Failure: If the financial breakdown and action plan are not delivered within 7 days, a new protest will be held demanding resignations.

4. Service Delivery & Dignity

• **Demand:** Urgent improvements in access to healthcare, education, housing, water, electricity, and basic services.

• Expected Outcomes:

- A clear national outline of how municipalities will be supported to restore dignity to communities within 7 days.
- Commitment to measurable service delivery goals (number of houses, clinics, water access points, etc.) within 30 days.

• Timeline:

- 7 days: National outline of measurable activities.
- 30 days: First public update on progress.
- Required Commitment: The Government must specify what actions it will take if municipalities fail to meet goals.



• Consequence of Failure: Failure to produce a clear outline in 7 days will lead to another national protest demanding the resignation of all named officials.

Conclusion

This memorandum is delivered on behalf of the people of South Africa who are demanding urgent action.

We expect **written responses** to these demands within **7 days**, sent both to **info@youthreclaim** and through official government publications by the President and the named ministers.

If our demands are ignored or delayed:

- We will host another protest on **3rd October**, demanding the resignation of the President, the Minister of Higher Education, and the Minister of Labour.
- A **new Memorandum of Demands** will be drafted and delivered with escalated actions.

The youth of this country refuse to be silenced. Our struggle is rooted in justice, dignity, and the belief that South Africa belongs to all who live in it.

Endorsements & Signatures

Organisations, Communities, and Individuals Represented:

- Petition Signatures attached
- Submitted to the Union Buildings, Pretoria
- #ReclaimSA Peaceful, Nonviolent, Youth-Led