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NEHAWU CONGRATULATES CYRIL RAMAPHOSA

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The National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union [NEHAWU] congratulates Cde Cyril Ramaphosa for being elected as the President of the African National Congress [ANC] at the 54th National Conference yesterday.

For us as NEHAWU, this represents a culmination of the hard work put in by the national union in ensuring that the resolution of our October 2016 National Executive Committee [NEC] is realised. We were the first organisation to nail our colours to the CR17 mast and further went on to vigorously campaign for this victory.

The hard work begins now. Cde Ramaphosa inherits an organisation ravaged by factionalism, buying of votes, gatekeeping and side-lining of certain comrades by those in position of power. Cde Cyril has the daunting task of uniting the ANC, ensuring that the rebuilding of this glorious liberation movement starts immediately and the renewal of this giant movement into its former glory capable of leading society with aplomb.

As NEHAWU, we want a stable ANC and a functional alliance that will ensure that the National Democratic Revolution [NDR] is brought back on track. The ANC must emerge from the 54th Conference stronger, united, coherent and ready to fulfil its commitment of building a better life for all. That can only be possible if we ferociously fight against state capture, corruption and job losses.

We will raise the following issues as a matter of urgency with the new leadership:

- Our rejection of the Foreign Service Bill
- Our rejection of the formation of the Border Management Agency
- The funding model of the newly announced 90% free education for working class students
- The immediate institution of the judiciary inquiry into state capture
- The total shutdown of the South African embassy in Israel
- The cutting of ties with Morocco

We are looking forward to the outcomes in the form of resolutions of the conference and hope that they will redirect the ANC to decisively deal with the scourge of the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequalities.

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