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Attention all the NUMSA NOBs

Dear comrade GS

Re: Request for a meeting with the SAFTU NOBs

This letter is a follow-up to the letter we wrote you on 21 July 2022. In the letter, we requested that a meeting between NUMSA and SAFTU NOBs be held before the 11th National Congress scheduled for 25 – 29 July 2022. Our letter was not acknowledged or responded to. We understood that the NUMSA leadership was preparing for the National Congress and may have moved to Cape Town when the request of SAFTU came through.

We are writing the letter again to plead with the leadership of the metalworkers to grant us the opportunity to engage on the issues we raised in the last letter.

SAFTU NOBs are extremely concerned about the developments before and after the congress. They believe that an engagement with NUMSA has become a matter of life and death for the federation and its biggest affiliate. We understand that emotions may be very high, and we have even seen accusations against some of the SAFTU NOBs. A lot of things have been said in public about the federation's leaders. It is those issues that make the meeting even more necessary. The unity of workers and metalworkers is sacrosanct. Personal feelings must be set aside to ensure that we work towards the unity of the federation and that of the metalworkers.

We will be available anytime convenient to you as the union, including through webinar or physical.

Comradely yours

Zwelinzima Vavi
General Secretary

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