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The Secretary
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Comrades

RE: PARTICIPATION OF PPWAWU IN CAMPAIGN FOR OPEN MEDIA

We are responding to your invitation to our union to join your forum.

The matter was presented to our National Executive Committee (NEC) last week-end for discussion and decision.

Firstly, the NEC has instructed me to convey its appreciation of the invitation from yourselves. The Union is of the opinion that we must intensify the struggle on all fronts, including the media.

But after lengthy deliberations, the NEC arrived at the following decisions:

1. Not to join formally;
2. To support the campaign in all possible ways.

The main reason for deciding not to join is that the NEC feels PPWAWU would not be able to participate actively and meaningfully in all the activities of C.O.M. because of the immense pressures of work we are facing as a union.

However, the NEC felt that the initiative must be supported in all ways possible. In this regard we would be happy to be informed about your major campaigns and activities.

Let us not be lulled by De Klerk's reforms. We still have a long way to go before we can achieve press freedom in this country!

We wish you all the best in this initiative.

Yours in the struggle.


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GENERAL SECRETARY, PPWAWU

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