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UPDATE ON THE IMPORT CARS ISSUE COMMONLY KNOWN AS DUBAIS

The SNAT NEC wishes to update the General Membership [GM] on the current status of the aforementioned issue, following the letter that the SNAT and the NAPSAWU wrote to the Minister for Finance on Wednesday (14-10-2020). The Minister was given seven (7) days to address the issues that were raised in the letter, regarding Legal Notice Number 183 of 2020 on Used Motor Vehicles Import Specification. Today, (20-10-2020) the Minister for Finance Mr. Neal Rijkenberg convened an urgent meeting with the National Executive Committees of the two (2) unions.

The Minister was accompanied by the Senior Management Team [SMT] from his Ministry. In trying to address the issues that we raised in the letter, the Team made a presentation on why the Government has opted to reduce the 'age' limit for cars that were to be imported from Asia from 15 to 7 years. However, this presentation was biased since the emphasis by Government is more on the need to increase the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) that is constituted by South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland.



Our critical analysis of the deliberations during the meeting that we had with the Minister, reveals that the Government has taken a rigid stance on this issue and the body language of the minister exemplified unmatched positionality and sentimentalism. This Legal Notice is more profit driven than ensuring affordability on the part of the ordinary worker in procuring these cars.

As worker representatives, we suggested that the Government needs to tighten those loose bolts and close those gaps in the Import Motor Vehicle Industry before imposing the proposed Legal Notice since the latter has a potential of condemning a majority of our comrades into the unbreakable vicious cycle of poverty.

Currently, many structures [including parliament] are deliberating on this issue. That is why tomorrow (21-10-2020), concerned citizens shall be outside parliament whilst this issue will be discussed inside the chamber. This is not a protest march for now because it is not parliament that is responsible for the said Legal Notice. This is a build-up exercise which may, if the Executive Arm does not revoke the notice, escalate into an unstoppable series of National Protests. This is not a threat; rather, a promise.

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