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APP 2018/2019 BUDGET STATEMENT

Honourable Speaker, Honourable members.

I rise to make a brief statement on behalf of the APP in this house

Generally and all the world, budgets are generally considered to be the outline of the majority party in government' priority programmes outline and considerations.

It reflects its politics and ideological thinking and perspective about society and the needs of society and the contested class interests of various classes and other segments in society in general..

For us in the APP, this budget is neither pro poor, nor does it contribute to so-called shared prosperity. This is clearly a budget which promotes the interests of a small section of our society who normally benefits as compradore petty bourgeoisie, also referred to sometimes as tenderpreneurs or official state coffer looters and official state thieves.

They, Honourable Minister of finance, we fully agree with you that they must be taken to task very seriously and urgently. It was supposed to have happened right from 1990 already. They belong in jail and not in

Let us kill nepotism, cronyism, tribalism and ethnicity in government and the state infrastructures. Let us kill those social evils in state owned enterprises. As Samora Machel and Sankakra said, "the tribe and regionalism must die, before the nation can rise as a united nation.

We know you cannot easily dismiss ethnic and racial groups, but we also know that multi ethnic and multi-cultural group countries like ours, we must celebrate the cultural diversity. Let us work on building unity. Unity will only come about if there is socio-economic inclusive at all levels, from cleaners, to directors, permanent secretaries and political office bearers.

Government have to be sensitive in their recruitment process.

Funding of state owned enterprises remains the cause of a serious concern to our people. The National Assembly allocation in the budget is a real risk factor to parliament's oversight function, Allocation made to the war veterans vote remains a grave concern because most of these people continue to live an abject poverty. Urban and Rural development budget have to be supported to enable councils to provide needed services to their residents. The economic sector needs to be promoted to create employment opportunities for the youth roaming in the streets because of poverty, with no hope for the future.

I thank you.