

## 2nd National Congress Declaration

**Whereas**, we the delegates to the 2nd National Congress of the Young Communist League of South Africa, gathered here at the Mangosuthu Technikon, eThekweni, KwaZulu Natal, from 13 to 17 December 2006 under the theme building youth power for socialism.

**Proud** and impressed by the growth of the YCL since re-establishment three years ago, and by the interest that young people continue to show on our organization and struggle for communism,

**Impressed**, by the number of young women that are swelling the ranks of our organization, both within the general membership, and in all of the leadership structures of the organization. We believe that this auger well in advancing the struggles for women emancipation and gender transformation that we are committed to.

This growing interest in the YCL comes against the failures of the neo-liberal policies implemented by the 1996 class project which is dominant in the ANC and society,

**Appreciating**, the support, political and otherwise, especially as provided by the SACP and other structures of the democratic movement in the establishment and the building of the YCL,

**Conscious**, of the challenges that are facing young people of our country, and young people elsewhere in the world but most significantly young people on the continent of Africa

**Committed**, to the fight against the 1996 class project and the capitalist system in general towards the creation of a socialist society where all citizens shall enjoy equal access to basic human and social needs, where exploitation and oppression shall be things of the past.

We also commit ourselves to the anti-capitalist radical forms around which we shall mobilise the youth. Amongst other campaigns shall include the struggle for free education, nationalization of the key economic resources such as mines, banks, land,

We emerge with serious determination; and

**Declare**, that we will further build the organization; we will continue to make a positive contribution towards the building of the Progressive Youth Alliance and the broader democratic movement; we will build members of the YCL to become and continue to be leading detachment of the youth sector in the country, the continent and the world; we will advance the struggles against imperialism and global oppression whenever, wherever and however these phenomenon manifest themselves; we will remain resolute on our conviction that human solidarity remains the cornerstone for a just and peaceful world.

**'SOCIALISM IN OUR LIFETIME'**