PICTURE OF AN EXPECTANT ZIMBABWEAN: THREE YEARS AFTER A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY (GNU)

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ABSTRACT

Following a lengthy period of economic, political and social challenges, Zimbabweans expected some solution to the crisis especially when talk of a Government of National Unity (GNU) was mooted. This type of conflict resolution approach is not new to Zimbabweans as they have experienced it before during the 1978 Abel Muzorewa-led coalition government and the 1987 ZANU/ZAPU coalition. In all the previous coalitions, Zimbabweans’ desires were never fulfilled to their satisfaction. Similarly, today, Zimbabweans are still looking forward to receiving deliverables from the GNU principals. This position paper looks at some of the issues that the GNU has failed to deliver as expected 3 years down the road. The paper has been compiled through literature analysis and interviews with relevant stakeholders. The conclusion in the paper is that the GNU, whilst it has gone a long way delivering, still leaves a lot to be desired. (145)

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