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Statement:

## **COPE'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA**

“Restore the Dream, Rebuild the Nation!”

Fellow South Africans,

Today, our nation faces extraordinary challenges, and more people are losing confidence in our democracy's nascent institutions and the prospects of their situation improving soon.

Many are disgruntled with our country's current leadership, but the seed of opportunity lies within every challenge. Every obstacle we face as a nation carries the potential for transformation. Where others see despair, we see hope, where systems fail, we see a chance to rebuild stronger. Challenges are not the end of the story, but they are the soil from which solutions can grow.

COPE is determined to rebuild itself as a force for positive change, guided by accountability, integrity, service principles and nation-building imperatives. We acknowledge our past challenges, but with renewed focus and unwavering resolve, we are starting afresh to restore trust, rebuild hope and deliver real solutions for our people.

The CNC, the highest decision-making authority between the party's congresses, will soon adopt and release a watershed 2025 political programme that builds on the rebuilding efforts started in June 2024.

These efforts aim to galvanise support for the moral high-ground positions it has taken over many years. History will absolve COPE from the destruction wrought by those who led the country in the past 16 years.

We can proudly declare that our positions have always been correct and principled. Now, more than ever, we need courageous South Africans to join us. Renew your COPE membership or become part of this movement for change today. Step into leadership at the local level, where your voice can shape the future. Together, we can ensure that our communities are heard, our issues are addressed, and our dreams are realised.

Join or renew your membership today and actively participate in COPE's local structures. Together, we can lead our communities and country toward a brighter tomorrow.

Visit your nearest COPE branch or contact us at [www.copesa.org.za](http://www.copesa.org.za) to get started!

COPE stands for unity, progress and a South Africa that works for everyone. Be part of the revival. Be part of the solution. Let's restore the dream and rebuild the nation, one step at a time.

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