Resolution of Political Secretariat, ECCI, 18 October 1931 (Extracts)¹

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[...]

6. The fundamental tasks and the revolutionary programme of the present stage of the anti-imperialist and agrarian revolution around which the struggle must be organised, uniting the Native, coloured, white and Asiatic toilers in S.A. and the Protectorates² – must be:

a) Down with the British and Afrikander imperialists. Drive out the imperialists. Complete the immediate national independence for the peoples of South Africa. For the right of the Zulu, Basuto, etc. nations to form own Independent Republics. [...]

For the voluntary uniting of the African nations in a Federation of Independent Native Republics. The establishment of a workers' and peasants' government. Full guarantee of the rights of all national minorities, for the coloured, Indian and white toiling masses.

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^{1.} In this document the ECCI also states its approval of the expulsions of Bunting, Andrews, Tyler, Sachs, Glass and Weinbren from the CPSA announced by the Political Bureau in September 1931: 'The ECCI fully endorses the decisions of the CPSA in expelling from its ranks the Right opportunist chauvinist Bunting clique: Bunting, Andrews, Tyler, Sacks, Glass and Weinbren. Under pressure of the sharpening struggle the entire policy and activities of this group came in opposition to the whole line of the Comintern and the Party; and they openly become chauvinist agents of imperialism, appealing to Pirow and Hertzog against the Party. The ECCI emphasises that the Party must continue and intensify the struggle against Right opportunism and all remnants of Buntingism.'