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Statement by the Young Black Professionals (YBP)

Only a nation that fails to self-assess and appropriately self-correct, fails its people.
Only a nation that ignores the cries of its own people, fails its people.
Only a nation with leaders that serve their own interest rather than serve their people, fails its people.
The oldest struggle movement on this continent cannot fail its people!!!

Much has gone wrong in our nation, notwithstanding that we set off with good intentions and the call for a renewed national compact is one that has been heralded by many. As a representative of Young Black Professionals countrywide, we welcome this initiative championed by the most prestigious foundations of our nation and avail ourselves to put forward our ideas, our concerns, and ideals towards reclaiming the South Africa of our Dreams!

We thank you!

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