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THE UNFINISHED REVOLUTION: FROM ADDIS ABABA TO ATONEMENT

Sixty-three years ago, on the 25TH of May 1963, thirty-two newly sovereign African nations gathered in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, under the visionary stewardship of Emperor Haile Selassie, President Kwame Nkrumah, and a constellation of freedom fighters, to birth the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), an institution whose very existence was an act of defiance against five centuries of colonial plunder, racial subjugation, and the deliberate dismemberment of the African world. That founding moment was not merely a diplomatic achievement; it was a sacred covenant between the living and the dead. A vow that Africa would henceforth speak with one voice, govern with one purpose, and reclaim with one resolve.

Today, as the Pan-African Progressive Front (PPF) stands before our people on this Liberation Day, we honour that covenant by naming what remains undone: the wound is old, but it has never been allowed to heal, and justice, long deferred, has only grown more urgent in its demand.

The OAU, reborn in 2002 as the African Union, inherited a continent still bleeding from the structural violence of colonialism — borders drawn by foreign hands, economies engineered for extraction, and minds conditioned for dependence. Pan-Africanism, as articulated by our ancestors and forebears, was never a sentimental attachment to geography; it was a revolutionary programme for the total liberation and unification of African peoples everywhere, on the continent and in the diaspora scarred by the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

On this day we affirm without equivocation that Pan-Africanism is not a relic of the independence era, it is the only adequate response to a global order still configured to impoverish Africa and silence her children. The African Union must be



empowered, funded, and transformed into the instrument of genuine political union that Nkrumah envisioned, lest we celebrate liberation in name while enduring subjugation in fact.

We therefore call upon the international community, the United Nations, the European Union, the governments of the Americas, and all successor states of slave-owning and colonising powers to reckon fully and materially with the question of reparations — not as charity, not as aid, and never as a gesture, but as a legal and moral obligation whose legitimacy is beyond dispute. The Transatlantic Slave Trade was a crime against humanity; colonialism was a sustained act of organised theft; and the racial capitalism that flows from both continues to extract wealth from African bodies and African soil to this day.

The Pan-African Progressive Front stands in full solidarity with the CARICOM Reparations Commission, with the African Union's own reparations agenda, and with every community across the Black world demanding restitution, rehabilitation, and Reparative justice. Africa Liberation Day 2026 is our collective reminder that freedom is not negotiable, dignity is not partial, and the debt owed to Africa — in land, in resources, in acknowledgment, and in wealth — will be pursued with every lawful, moral, and political instrument at our disposal until it is paid in full.

The revolution of 1963 was the beginning; the completion of that revolution is the task of our generation.

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In Solidarity,

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