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Voorkom stakings deur die voorbeeld te stel

“Hoewel die grondwet werkers se stakingsreg erken, is die prys baie hoog en ongevoelig teenoor hulle wat glad nie werk het nie. Daarom glo ons dat dit veel beter sal wees as besluitnemers hul eie verhogings in pas hou, met dit wat die land of die betrokke staatsinstellings kan bekostig,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) en waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA).

“Soos klokslag blyk dit dat die inkomstegaping – wat deurentyd groter word – en vermorsing op luukshede die oorsaak is, dat werkers voel hulle trek aan die kortste ent. Terwyl Suid-Afrika reeds die land met die grootste meetbare inkomstegaping ter wêreld is, is dit ook nie maklik om die persepsies die nek in te slaan nie.”

“Die verweer van soustreinryers is dikwels dat hulle gewerk het vir hul vergoeding, wat die persepsie voed dat dit in werklikheid om baantjies (en tenders) vir boeties handel, en dat bekwaamheid en hardwerkendheid min daarmee te make het.”

“Ons doen ‘n beroep op stakers, veral diegene wat aan optogte deelneem, om op so ‘n wyse dat op te tree dat hulle nie die land en hul eie saak deur wanordelikheid verdere skade berokken nie.”

Prevent strikes by setting the example

“Although the constitution acknowledges the right of workers to strike, the price is very high and shows a lack of sympathy towards the unemployed. Therefore we believe it is much better for decision makers to keep their own hikes in line with what the country or the parastatals can afford,” says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) and acting chair of the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA).

“Each time a strike looms, it boils down to the ever increasing income gap, as well as wasteful spending on luxuries, which creates the impression with workers that they are constantly drawing the short straw. As South Africa has the highest measurable income gap in the world, it is also not easy to change these perceptions.”

“The gravy train passengers often claim that they have worked for that compensation, only fuelling perceptions that nepotism (and tenderpreneurship) pays off, and that ability and effort has very little to do with the state of affairs.”

“We call on the strikers, especially those participating in marches, to act in such a way that they do not harm their own cause and that of the country.”