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GRATITUDE MESSAGE

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Following the by-election held in Insiza North yesterday, ZAPU takes this opportunity to thank all the voters who voted for the people's candidate, Cde Thabani Mlotshwa, who put up a brave fight under difficult circumstances due to lack of resources and low voter turnout. We are equally grateful to our compatriots in MRP, FA and UMD for their selfless support through public endorsement of our candidate. The unity of purpose achieved in the run up to the by-election, has strengthened our resolve to intensify our call for a national convergence dialogue that will produce a united democratic front. United as opposition parties, we can work to dislodge the hegemony of ZANU PF.

Thank you to all our ZAPU members and supporters who made great sacrifices in support of our ambitious electoral bid. Special mention goes to the dedicated campaign team and our courageous polling agents. Your contributions in many different ways gave ZAPU a fighting chance in the by-election. Above all, we are grateful to our heroic candidate, Cde Mlotshwa, who entered the race rather late but stood firm in determination and focus. We are fully behind you Cde Mlotshwa and will continue to build upon your experience. Under your guidance, ZAPU shall continue to work on developmental projects with the people of Insiza North.

As we analyze yesterday's results, we are listening to the people's voice through the cast ballots. Our introspection is coupled with recalibration of our instruments and approach to mobilization. We shall use the lessons learnt to do better in future elections. For now, we remain undeterred. Our desire for good governance in Zimbabwe continues beyond elections. We shall continue to resist the unconstitutional postponement of elections in 2028 and the illegal Presidential term extension touted by misguided agitprops. Our overall mission remains the championing of constitutionalism while strengthening democratic tenets in order to guarantee a genuinely free and prosperous Zimbabwe.

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