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From this gathering and the spirit of this gathering we can see that the most of the people are determined to build a united democratic South Africa where there will be freedom for all. The wealth of this country has been produced by the workers in this country, and the message of the UDF is that those people who are responsible for the development of this country must have a share in the destiny of this country. The rulers of this land have tried to break the people by creating institutions like the Presidents Council and the South African Indian Council. They tried to get people to accept these institutions. But, the people have made it clear that they are not things, that they are human beings and that they are not for sale - and no matter how much they are bribed they will not accept these institutions. This gathering here shows that the people of South Africa are not merely asking for change but they, by their activities and their struggle, they will actually change South Africa and bring about a South Africa in which power will be in the hands of the people. We will never rest, we will continue with the struggle until leaders like Nelson Mandela are free to govern this country.