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TO: THE GENERAL SECRETARY
THE NATIONAL OFFICE BEARERS
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FOOD AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION
Comrades

I have been asked to write to your National Office Bearers to express the concern of our region, and its affiliates, with the statement issued by your Eastern Cape Regional Secretary.

We wish to place on record that at the Regional Congress of Cosatu Eastern Cape, held on 29th January 1989, the issue of the Workers Summit was debated by the delegates at length. Your delegates were given the opportunity to read and motivate their resolution (which had previously been circulated to the affiliates) at length. After the FAHU resolution a NUMSA resolution was read to the house. Debate ensued and finally the Congress was asked to vote on the two resolutions on the table. FAWU moved their own resolution but was unable to get a second. The Numsa resolution, moved by ACTWUSA and seconded by CNIU, was adopted unanimously by the house. '

We are thus annoyed and disturbed by the allegation of FAWU Eastern Cape that "the Summiteers have done all in their power to block any democratic processes within COSATU on this question (of the Summit).' We reject this as a blatant lie in so far as the Eastern Cape Region is concerned.

We are further disturbed that the comrades of FAWU are intent on issuing statements to the press without any structure of COSATU Eastern Cape considering their position. We respect the right of affiliates to issue any statements, but if that statement condemns COSATU then we believe that we have structures wherein such issues can be addressed.

We note with concern that the East London FAWU delegates maintain that the said statement was not authorised by any regional structure of FAHU.

He would further recommend that the strongest possible disciplinary action is taken by FANU nationally to correct the situation in the Eastern Cape.

Comradely greetings:

CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE UNIONS
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