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My Vote Counts
By Email

Dear Minhaj

COALITION GOVERNMENTS

Thank you for your letter and the questions you have posed regarding coalitions.

We welcome the opportunity to participate.

GOOD's first national conference, held in November 2023, adopted a Coalitions Policy. Our approach to Coalitions is thus governed by a decision of the party's highest decision making structure – our national conference.

Here are our answers:

1. Whenever GOOD takes a coalition action, it does so only according to the following Values and Principles:
 - **Independence and Non-Alignment:** GOOD is not committed to any permanent coalition partners or 'coalition bloc', although the NMC may decide to form or join political alliances in any given election if it deems it in the best interests of GOOD and the residents of South Africa;
 - **Best interests of the residents:** The primary consideration in every coalition action that GOOD takes is the decision that will be optimal for the best interests of the residents in the relevant community that the legislature serves. This includes: the best standard of service delivery; ethical and quality governance; and stability of the governing arrangement;
 - **Best Candidate:** Similarly, when voting for elected positions, GOOD will prefer the candidate that is best suited for the position being elected, having considered their track record and experience; standard of ethics; and their support and respect in the relevant community.
 - **Compatibility with GOOD's values:** GOOD will prefer to work with progressive political parties and pursue governing relationships that promote and deliver on our founding values of social justice, spatial justice, economic justice and environmental justice.
 - **Local input:** local representatives should have a significant say in influencing the coalitions actions to be taken by the Party at local level;

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- **Centrality:** ultimate control of the party's coalition actions must be retained by the central Party executive to ensure that such actions align with these values and principles; as well as to ensure accountability of its public representatives and consistency in terms of the Party's broad strategic objectives;
- **Respecting the general wishes of the electorate:** GOOD will not take coalition actions that would yield a result that is wholly and obviously disproportionate to the general wishes of the electorate as evidenced by the election result in the relevant legislature.
- **Necessity:** GOOD would generally prefer to stay out of coalition arrangements that bind its actions in a legislature. GOOD will only enter into coalition agreements when it is deemed absolutely necessary for the purpose of forming a government that will deliver a programme of government that is consistent with the values of the party and this Policy;
- **Formality:** if GOOD decides to enter into any coalition arrangement, it will only do so when the coalition has the appropriate structures in place that is typically required for a well-functioning and professional coalition arrangement, including a written coalition agreement.

2. Commitments to addressing historical injustices and exclusion (spatial, economic and social) through proactive redress programmes and spatial transformation.

Commitments to affordable access to public services, including basic services such as electricity, water and sanitation.

Commitments to transparent and accountable governance.

3. None. We are guided by the principles and values set out above.
4. Yes, this would in any event be consistent to a non-negotiable commitment to transparent and accountable government.

I trust you find the above in order. If you require any further information please feel free to reach out to us.

Regards

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Secretary-General

