

Nine South African unions don't have unconditional support for the ANC

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"NINE affiliates of the Congress of South African Trade Union (Cosatu) on Wednesday accused the federation's leadership of going against policy by giving the African National Congress (ANC) their unconditional support in the upcoming election.

"They also demanded the reinstatement of suspended Cosatu general secretary Zwelinzima Vavi . . . "

"The nine affiliates wrote to Cosatu president Sdumo Dlamini last year, asking him to convene a special congress to iron out the divisions in the federation. They have accused him of delaying.

"Workers have never agreed that Cosatu should give the ANC a blank cheque," South African Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) general secretary Walter Theledi said at a joint media briefing with the leaders of the eight other unions.

"Mr Dlamini and the Cosatu leadership have repeatedly said the federation's support for the ANC was unconditional, and it would throw its weight behind the party in the upcoming election.

"But Mr Theledi said Cosatu had resolved at its 2012 national congress that its support for the ANC should not be unconditional, but be based on "advancing" the demands of its members and the broader working class.

The nine unions include Samwu, the Food and Allied Workers

Union, the South African Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union, nurses union Denosa, the Communication Workers Union, the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa), football union Safpu, the Public and Allied Workers Union and the South African State and Allied Workers Union.”

See the joint statement here: <http://www.numsa.org.za/article/press-statement-of-the-nine-cosatu-affiliates-calling-for-the-reinstatement-of-comrade-zwelinzima-vavi-and-for-a-special-national-delegate-congress-as-a-matter-of-urgency/>