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CDP slams Green Paper on Land Reform

"The CDP sees the proposed expropriation as nothing less than theft by the government."

"After all the positive sounds from the Minister of Agriculture, Tina Joemat-Pettersson, one would have expected a more reasonable approach to land reform than that which has now been put forward in the new Green Paper on Land Reform," says Christian Democratic Party leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

"With so many of the voices within government circles supporting nationalisation and socialism these days, we are not at all surprised to see the Green Paper aiming at the expropriation of land at a price unilaterally decided upon. The fact that the compilers themselves indicate that they are not sure whether the Green Paper will actually meet the legal requirements, is a clear indication that they were placed under tremendous ideological and political pressure."

"We believe government must first complete investigations and the subsequent hearings into corruption within the department, rehabilitate the farms already acquired, which are now totally unproductive, and find a workable methodology to ensure productivity is maintained, before attempting what sounds like nothing other than a land grab. The land reform policy is based on the ANC's notion that it will contribute to the alleviation of rural poverty ... which presently is not the case."

CDP kap nuwe groenskrif oor grondhervorming

"Die CDP sien die voorgestelde grondonteiening as niks minder nie as diefstal deur die regering."

"Na al die positiewe geluide deur die Minister van Landbou, Tina Joemat-Pettersson, sou 'n mens 'n redeliker benadering tot grondhervorming verwag het as die wat nou uit die Groenskrif oor Grondhervorming blyk," aldus ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

"Met al die stemme uit die dampkring van die regering oor nasionalisering en sosialisme, is ons eintlik glad nie verbaas om te sien dat die groenskrif na onteiening op eensydig vasgestelde pryse mik nie. Die feit dat die opstellers self aandui dat hulle nie seker is of die groenskrif die juridiese toets sal slaag nie, is 'n duidelike aanduiding dat hulle onder politieke en ideologiese druk verkeer het."

"Ons glo die regering moet eers sy ondersoek na korrupsie binne die departement afhandel, asook die voortspruitende verhore, die reeds onteiene plase wat verlate en verwaarloos lê rehabiliteer, en 'n werkbare metodiek vind om volgehoue produktiwiteit te verseker voor grondgrypplanne bedink word. Dit is immers die ANC se opvatting dat grondhervorming landelike armoede moet bekamp – 'n doelwit wat nou klaaglik misluk."