

1 The Zanu PF Crying and Mourning about the Western-Imposed
2 Punitive Sanctions on Zimbabwe: A much Ado about Nothing
3 (2001-2014)

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7 **Abstract**

8 The discourse in this Paper focuses on the under-listed:? The reasons for the targeted
9 sanctions on Zimbabwe ? The economic consequences of those sanctions and the ? State
10 mantra to explain the economic consequences of those sanctions in Zimbabwe by its political
11 leadership After a grueling discussion of the above topics the Author, in complying with his
12 tradition will proffer a Summary, Conclusion and some Recommendations designed for some
13 risk treatment.

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15 **Index terms**— crying, mourning, sanctions, zimbabwe, much ado about nothing, 2001 â???" 14.

16 **1 Introduction hat boggles the sane mind of any person with
17 Zimbabwe at heart is how the ZANU PF 1**

18 ? The United States of America and the European Union want regime change in Zimbabwe which from the
19 looks of it is ridiculous and attention seeking from sympathizers' in the East in particular China.

20 government misses the whole point to explain the reasons behind the punitive economic sanctions in the
21 battered Zimbabwe as below: he West 2 wants to make way for regime change via the MDC-T 3 who are the
22 Western Imperialist stooges in the SADC 4 region, another hyperbolic, laughable and dismissible excuse by the
23 then beleaguered ZANU PF political party. 1 ZANU PF is an acronym for Zimbabwe African National Union
24 -Patriotic Front the ruling party in Zimbabwe since independence from Britain to date not so much because of
25 popularity but because of some electoral shenanigans which are the subject of thi s Paper. 2 West as used in this
26 context refers to the United States of America, European Union, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. 3 MDC-T
27 is an acronym for Movement for Democratic Change formed in Zimbabwe in 1999 to bring political pluralism
28 then desparately lacking in Zimbabwe. 4 SADC is an acronym for Southern African Development Community
29 comprising 14 member states among which is Zimbabwe. Built around peace, security, development, among
30 others, are the core values of the Southern African Regional bloc.

31 ? The West wants to collapse the economy of Zimbabwe to find an excuse for regime change in Zimbabwe.
32 But how, makes the idea as delusional as it is stupid.The list of stupid and silly explanations goes on and on the
33 constraint of space is the limiting factor. But the sober truth which hurts sometimes is that the United States
34 of America, the European Union (EU) and the rest of the Western World want democracy in Zimbabwe. And
35 Zimbabwe as we shall find out sooner than later, has none of this. The USA, the EU and the rest of the Western
36 World want the rule of law to rule supreme in Zimbabwe. And among other good governance issues none of this
37 exists in Zimbabwe to create this more than a decade long face off between Zimbabwe and the West to create
38 the necessity of a full throttle discussion of this so much abused concept of sanctions in Zimbabwe. Up next is
39 to find out the real reasons and not the fantasy which as above is obtainable from ZANU PF.

40 **2 II.**

41 **3 What has Caused Zimbabwe's Once**

42 Stable Economy to so Spectacularly Collapse

43 For the information of the Reader a number of very good reasons have been cited to explain why the
44 Zimbabwean economy, once touted as the "Switzerland" of Africa to be the not only laughable basket case
45 in the SADC region of modest economic growth but a victim of severe criticism from both political and economic
46 analysts and pundits in the same regional bloc. Below are now the much awaited reasons for Zimbabwe's
47 spectacular fall from grace.

48 ? Many in this modern world of increasing complexity place the pivotal blame on none other than His
49 Excellency President Mugabe, who has been for some strange reasons been the only President known to Zimbabwe
50 for now an uninterrupted 34 years and 38 years in 2018 before the next harmonized elections scheduled for this
51 date as on the country's political calendar. ? Among the sabre-rattling issues usually cited for His Excellency
52 President Mugabe's long history of poor listed:

53 ? The reasons for the targeted sanctions on Zimbabwe

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55 The economic consequences of those sanctions and the ? State mantra to explain the economic consequences of
56 those sanctions in Zimbabwe by its political leadership After a grueling discussion of the above topics the Author,
57 in complying with his tradition will proffer a Summary, Conclusion and some Recommendations designed for some
58 risk treatment.

59 performance are the chaotic land reforms of 2000 embarked upon with so much political zeal saw the +/-6
60 000 mainly white commercial farmers lose their farms to His Excellent President Mugabe who then wasted little
61 precious time to redistribute same to the then landless black farmers who to spite His Excellency President
62 Mugabe have to date failed to utilize the so compulsorily acquired land to stoke fears of nationwide starvation in
63 Zimbabwe (Mahove, 2013) (Museve, 2013). ? Zimbabwe's involvement in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
64 war fought in the late 1990s and to which Zimbabwe, more out prestige than need, sent its army to fight in a
65 war which posed no threat real or imagined, to Zimbabwe.

66 5 ? Absence of rule of law

67 The period after every general election in Zimbabwe has witnessed an increase in the absence of the rule of law
68 as ZANU PF supporters take to the street to celebrate their flawed victory in every general election in Zimbabwe
69 (Nikisi, 2013) (Amato, 2013) (Bambazonke, 2013).

70 6 III.

71 7 Other Shenanigans by Excellence President Mugabe to

72 Contribute the Country's Economic Malaise

73 That there is more excitement by way of more drama and theatrics from His Excellency President Mugabe is
74 certainly on its way for the enjoyment of the beloved Reader. It is also argued that Mugabe's political intolerance
75 of anything which is an opposition political party in nature eg, the opposition MDC-T, electoral fraud, and
76 gross human rights abuses have all contributed to the country's economic malaise. In other words the pain that
77 he is always crying and mourning about is in fact 'mazvokuda mavanga enyora' (meaning suffering a pain from
78 a self-inflicted wound). To expound on this to benefit the Reader the Author will carry out a bit of relevant
79 Literature Review on these other shenanigans to show that His Excellency President Mugabe of Zimbabwe since
80 independence from Britain in 1980 is in fact an analogue president in a digital era (Rusvingo 2008).

81 A tacit demonstration of His Excellency President Mugabe's political intolerance of political pluralism went
82 a gear up in 2007. According to Rusvingo (2008) Morgan Tsvangirai of the opposition MDC-T political party
83 was savagely attacked while in police custody at a Highfield police station and then later on proudly paraded on
84 Zimbabwe Television (ZTV) screens with a battered face covered in blood. His crime?

85 Innocently holding a prayer meeting with his supporters in the Highfield Zimbabwe Grounds without permission
86 and clearance from the partisan and ZANU PF aligned police force. In fact where in this modern world of increasing
87 complexity at least in this 21st century would anybody still in command of his five senses butcher a legitimate
88 leader of an opposition political party with a sizeable representation in parliament and proudly stand before the
89 world cameras to proudly announce that:

90 "Tsvangirai deserved the good bashing from my cowboy policemen. While others have diplomas in political
91 violence against political opponents, let the world know I, Mugabe has several degrees in violence".

92 Where in this world again at least in this 21st century would anybody deny his people food, (Mahove 2013
93 and Museve 2013) water from the perennially bungling Harare City Council (Langa 2014) and electricity from
94 the equally bungling Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority (Mavhunga 2013) and fraudulently ask the same
95 starving and water and electricity deprived Zimbabweans to give His Excellency another 5 year term to 2018
96 and yet another 5 year term for the same president until 2023 who at 100 years old will be still in power.'Mwari
97 neVadzimu venyika ino rambidzai' (meaning God and the Ancestral Spirits of this country, please forbid). In the
98 body language of the Author's rural 85 year old grandmother, Mbuya ngazvichipera (Meaning grandmother let
99 it be over) a surviving resident in the Autor's rural home in Marondera West, she summed it up succinctly for
100 the inquisitive Author when she said with tears welling up in her eyes: 'Hatichada, taneta, tapfidza' (meaning we

101 no longer want to continue with this status quo. We are sick and tired. We have had enough of this suffering)
102 (Rusvingo 2008).

103 While Tsvangirai was being subjected to this humiliating treatment at the hands of the politically intolerant
104 His Excellence President Mugabe a horror script certainly awaits the Reader as far as electoral fraud is concerned.
105 Up next is this horror script. b) For more than a decade the unrepentant His Excellence President Mugabe is
106 caught in electoral fraud

107 Politically speaking, the coming of Tsvangirai in October 1999 drastically changed the political landscape in
108 Zimbabwe.

109 But for His Excellence President Mugabe, he had other irons in the fire in readiness for that political challenge.
110 Since 2000 the series of elections that were held in Zimbabwe were: From the irrefutable evidence gathered
111 from the above four sets of elections it cannot be denied that all the four elections could have been stolen. The
112 underlisted electoral shenanigans do not bode well for democracy in Zimbabwe:

113 ? The heavy presence of the military and the partisan role that they played in these elections ? The presence
114 of the Israeli company called Nikuv and the obscure role that it played in those elections particularly the 31 July
115 2013 harmonized elections.

116 ? The voter slips with a water mark which had the potential of a light X against the ZANU PF inscription. ?
117 The opaque manner in which the voters were registered in urban areas compared with rural areas. ? The higher
118 number of assisted voters in the rural areas compared with urban areas. Even literate headmasters claimed to be
119 illiterate to attract attention from the partisan assistance givers. ? The non-partisan West had no observers in
120 these elections ? Busing of voters to vote in areas in which they were not resident ? Additional polling stations
121 were done outside the requirement of the law. Nobody knew how many they were to prevent ballot staffing. ?
122 All the SADC guidelines were not complied with ? The opposition parties were denied access to the voters roll,
123 print or soft copy ? Two members of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission resigned citing irregularities in the
124 manner the electoral processes were conducted ? The list of shenanigans goes on and on the said elections could
125 have been brazenly stolen to give the incumbent party an unfair advantage over the other parties. And finally
126 are the gross human rights abuses which characterized the elections before, during and after as below:

127 In the lead up to the 27 June 2008 run-off election 200 of the MDC supporters were reported killed by ZANU
128 PF and its supporters countrywide to force Tsvangirai of the MDC-T party to withdraw citing more of his
129 supporters being killed at the hands of the ZANU PF political party and its supporters (Takaona, 2014). Many
130 people had their houses razed to the ground for their support for Tsvangirai and many more were left homeless
131 in what the international community condemned as gross human rights violations against the MDC supporters
132 countrywide (Tagarepi, 2014). With his human rights abuses His Excellence President Mugabe did not stop
133 here. He instead went a step further to rebuke the West. And below coming your way are the graphic details of
134 those rebukes. d) How did His Excellence President Mugabe rebuke the West to earn economic sanctions from
135 the West?

136 On too numerous occasions, His Excellence President Mugabe had been caught offside on the need to maintain
137 good relations with the West, chief among them the USA, the European Union and Australia, among others.
138 Unknown to our analogue President in a digital era is that whether he likes it or not the USA, EU and Australia
139 have suddenly emerged to be the prefects of this modern world of increasing complexity. And you only ignore this
140 fact at your peril. After experiencing a torrid time at the December 2007 Lisbon EU-Africa Summit where His
141 excellence had attended the said Summit but was not welcome to most European Heads of States in attendance,
142 he waited for his turn when he touched down at the Harare International Airport. Emerging a lot pampered
143 from the same summit he had been invited to attend but certainly not welcome to most European Heads of State
144 the recalcitrant His Excellence President Mugabe had wasted little precious time to throw brickbats at the then
145 British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who had even boycotted the same summit in protest at His Excellence
146 President Mugabe's presence as below:

147 "We defeated the British, we were the victors over the British. What is Britain after all? They think the
148 Empire still runs. The Empire is no more, it has collapsed. If the British understood this, they would not behave like
149 the Empirical power they used to be", proclaimed His Excellence President Mugabe at the Harare International
150 Airport much to the applause of a few of his rag tag supporters who had been frog marched to the airport to
151 welcome him back from the said summit ??Rusvingo 2008:4).

152 For the first ever time His Excellence President Mugabe and his ZANU PF had emerged looking tired and
153 bruised after the 2 000 parliamentary elections in which he had been given a good run for his money by the
154 emerging Tsvangirai and his up-start MDC political party. The shocked President Mugabe who had won the said
155 election by the narrowest of margins was so shamed to throw yet again some brickbats this time targeting the
156 EU. In broad day-light and using the most unsavoury and undiplomatic language unbefitting a Head of State
157 and Government and before the world cameras had this to say: "To hell with the EU Observers and Monitoring
158 Teams and their biased reports on the parliamentary elections. After all we Zimbabweans do not send observer
159 and monitoring missions to oversee elections in Europe let alone Britain."

160 The lead up to the 29 March 2008 harmonized elections in which His Excellence President Mugabe had for
161 the first ever time been defeated by an opposition MDC party was certainly a free comedy of theatrics and
162 drama to the people of Zimbabwe then used to pay expensively for same. Against an unprecedented move
163 by ZANU PF supporters that they no longer wanted His Excellence President Mugabe as their Presidential

164 candidate in the 29 March 2008 but a young candidate capable of reviving the Zimbabwean economy then in
165 a decade long free fall, little did they know that His Excellence President Mugabe had other irons in the fire.
166 To pre-empty the elective ZANU PF congress His Excellence had resorted to a self-serving strategy of numerous
167 provincial solidarity marches in support of His Excellence President Mugabe's candidature. Spearheaded by the
168 once suspended Jabulani Sibanda who would utter undesplicable words in contempt of any members in ZANU
169 PF who dared challenge His Excellence President Mugabe for the leadership of the party at the then forthcoming
170 extraordinary party congress, the ZANU PF party aligned to His Excellence President Mugabe had organized
171 several solidarity marches in support of His Excellence President Mugabe. These provincial solidarity marches
172 culminated into the so-called "One million men and women" march on 30 November 2007 (Rusvingo 2008). On
173 this historic day several thousands of his (His Excellence President Mugabe) rural supporters had been bused and
174 railroaded to Harare started their 10 kilometres march from the Harare City Centre to the Highfield Zimbabwe
175 Grounds where they were to be addressed by His Excellence President Mugabe who, as is always his tradition,
176 would pour bucketfuls of scorn and rebuke on Britain and its EU allies and the opposition MDC political party for
177 their daring attempts to bring regime change in Zimbabwe. The scathing verbal attack would go thus: "Zimbabwe
178 will never be a colony again" His Excellence President Mugabe would declare, to thunderous applause from the
179 hungry marchers (Mawani, 2007).

180 Come the internal election day, His Excellence President Mugabe, in what was described by the Zimbabwe
181 Independent weekly newspaper as a big fraud to nominate him as the sole presidential candidate, Mugabe was
182 by show of hands elected as the winning candidate to stand again as the ZANU PF sole presidential candidate.
183 Period. ??Rusvingo 2008:110)

184 8 Much ado Nothing

185 From the relevant short literature review carried out by the Author, his findings on the crying and moruning
186 by ZANU PF about the Western imposed sanctions on the ZANU PF political leadership were all rubbished as
187 drivel from a ZANU PF suffering from a poverty of conscience. Some enterprising stakeholders accused ZANU
188 PF of behaving like cry babies while the Author accused ZANU PF of engaging in thoughtless child play while
189 the economy was burning like a veld fire. Having said this let us hear what Chimakure of the Newsday had to
190 say to confirm whether or not ZANU PF should be taken seriously. It is over to Mr Chimakure. a) Chimakure
191 urges ZANU PF to "Stop the 'Sanctions" Chorus.

192 The burning question of food security, endemic corruption and the chaotic land reform in impoverished
193 Zimbabwe was fiercely debated on 15 October 2013 following heated exchanges in the House of Assembly with
194 all ZANU PF members of Parliament (MPs) choreographing the usual nauseating drivel about sanctions being
195 behind everything that had gone wrong in Zimbabwe including the then looming food shortages which were
196 threatening 2.2 million Zimbabweans with starvation ??Chimakure, 2014).

197 Contributing to a motion on food shortages which had been introduced into the August House of Assembly
198 for debate most ZANU PF MPs rushed to blame the sanctions imposed on His Excellence President Mugabe
199 and senior ZANU PF party officials by the West and former Finance Minister Tendai Biti for contributing to the
200 crisis. What boggles the mind is why the clueless ZANU PF should continue harping on about illegal sanctions
201 when people are suffering and some of them dying. Justice, legal and Parliamentary affairs minister Emmerson
202 Munangagwa left everybody in the House of Assembly dumbfounded when he claimed in a crazy fashion that
203 potholes on our major roads which in some parts of the country have claimed lives as vehicles tried to negotiate
204 them were caused by sanctions. Sanctions really? ??Chimakure, 2013).

205 Poor service delivery everywhere is the economy is according to the myopic ZANU PF, again caused by
206 sanctions. What hogwash from a political party that claims a long history of being the ruling party in Zimbabwe
207 since independence from Britain in 1980. This excuse repeated with monotonous boredom will not wash now and
208 in the future anywhere in this modern world of increasing complexity. What is now as obvious as the sun rising
209 in the east and setting in the west is that even some people in ZANU PF today are already feeling the heat after
210 overwhelmingly voting His Excellence President Mugabe and his ZANU PF party into power after the 31 July
211 2014 harmonized elections (Chimakure 2013).

212 Perhaps this could be the mother of all reasons why His Excellence President Mugabe continues to harp on
213 the sanctions issue with monotonous repetition. It is the people's view that the paranoid ZANU PF quickly
214 realized that they promised over much and that they would not be able to fulfill any of their exaggerated
215 and hyperbolic pre-election promises hence their unsuccessful bid to shift the blame onto the Western imposed
216 sanctions (Chimakure 2013).

217 The brutal truth of the matter which hurts sometimes is that the current political, economic and diplomatic
218 crisis in Zimbabwe is very much man-made. While the one forefinger points at Western imposed sanctions as
219 the cause of our economic woes the other four fingers point at none other than ZANU PF itself. Period. On
220 the much hyped land reform programme the God-unforgiven sin committed by ZANU PF was to carelessly
221 replace experienced white commercial farmers with inexperienced ones without the required know how who
222 sold farming equipment. The acquired land was underutilized at the onset of the Fast Track Land Reform
223 programme. 'Nematakanana atiri kuona aya Mwari dai marambidza' (Meaning with all this drivel around us
224 may God please forbid!). ??Chimakure, 2014).

225 The chances are that the clueless ZANU PF can take the country into further abyss. And our only prayer to

226 God if he cares to hear -any more of the man-made drivel from Zimbabwe is to empower the minority opposition
227 parties to keep the recalcitrant ZANU PF under constant check.

228 Having dismally failed in its bid for blame deflection ZANU PF should be condemned in the strongest of terms
229 to desist from inciting supporters to fight members of the opposition parties in the name of fighting sanctions. If
230 they are real and genuine about the fight they should take their fight to the West and not the countryside where
231 the opposition MDC-T supporters reside (Chimakure, 2013).Coming your was sooner than later is to unravel the
232 IMF sanctions myth by Mushawatu.

233 **9 b) Mushawatu strives to unravel the IMF sanctions myth**

234 The fact of the matter is that Zimbabwe has been unable to access loans from the International Monetary Fund
235 (IMF), the World Bank (WB), the African Development Bank (AfDB) for over a decade (Mushawatu, 2013).

236 Various schools of thought in Zimbabwe have given different explanations for the country's inability to
237 access funds. Conflicting accounts of how the sanctions came about caused confusion in the minds of ordinary
238 Zimbabwean prompting Mushawatu to write in an attempt to demystify the issue of sanctions in Zimbabwe in
239 as far as the IMF and WB are concerned.

240 The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, in a document titled 'The Impact of sanctions against Zimbabwe', attempted
241 but failed to explain the real cause of the imposition of sanctions. According to this document Zimbabwe's
242 inability to access loans from the IMF and WB was as a result of the controversial land reform programme which
243 angered the West and consequently led to punitive measures against the country by institutions controlled by
244 the West (Mushawatu 2013).

245 What boggles the mind is that the document kicks off by telling us that Zimbabwe could not access loans from
246 the Bretton Woods institutions because of its arrears but later somersaults and changes the story to resonate
247 with the myth of the land reform programme in Zimbabwe. ZANU PF offers the controversial land reform as the
248 reason why Zimbabwe could not access funding from the Bretton Woods institutions (Mushawatu 2013).

249 Simply defined sanctions are measures carried out against one party by another in order to make the party
250 under sanctions behave in a way desired by the party implementing the sanctions. The measures being carried
251 out by the IMF and WB against Zimbabwe fit the bill of sanctions since they seek to compel Zimbabwe to behave
252 in a certain way ie, to pay up its arrears (Mushawatu 2013).

253 The IMF and the WB have clearly laid out procedures aimed at standardized remedial actions for defaulting
254 countries. The procedures have timeframes under which defaulting of payment will result in sanctions. When
255 Zimbabwe was barred from accessing IMF loans, it had defaulted on payment for over a year. The governing
256 procedures of these institutions allow them to implement measures against countries that have defaulted on debt
257 repayment for such periods as the ones mentioned hence the sanctions (Mushawatu 2013).

258 The remedial measures by the Bretton Woods institutions include the suspension of voting rights and barring
259 the country from accessing loans and technical assistance. These were implemented against Zimbabwe solely as
260 a result of the country's inability to service its debts (Mushawatu, 2013).

261 Those who wrongfully claim that the sanctions against Zimbabwe are as a result of the land reform agenda
262 would have to answer whether other countries that have had such measures implemented against them because
263 of failure to service their debts, such as Somalia and Sudan are also being punished because of the land reform
264 or similar programmes. The truth of the matter was Zimbabwe was barred from accessing IMF and WB loans
265 because of failure to repay its debt ??Mushawatu, 2013).

266 What did His Excellency President Mugabe say about sanctions? The answer on its way coming to you right
267 away .

268 **10 c) What did Mugabe say about sanctions?**

269 The message from His Excellency is saying people should not blame sanctions for their failure to pay civil servants
270 when Zimbabwe is endowed with so many natural resources. His Excellency President Mugabe said while sanctions
271 had previously militated against efforts to improve government employees' welfare, it cannot continue to be the
272 reason for failure given the resources the country is endowed with (Tafirenyika, 2014).

273 "I will ensure that we don't go back to the time of saying "aaah masanctions ndiwo ari kutitadzisa" (meaning
274 sanctions are the reason why we are failing to pay civil servants) said His Excellency President Mugabe. "Ma
275 resources aripo" (meaning we have the resources, the gold sector for example, they are very easy to get the money
276 from unlike diamonds ?. With gold we know the price of gold and must be sold to Fidelity" (Tafirenyika, 2014).

277 Sanctions imposed on His Excellency President Mugabe's government have been blamed by the clueless ZANU
278 PF as the reason for their failure to honour the promises they made in the run up to last year's elections. ZANU
279 PF has in the past blamed sanctions and its Unity partner, MDC which was in charge of the Finance Ministry
280 for failing to award civil servants salary increments. But a point of correction at this juncture is to remember
281 that when these exaggerated and hyperbolic election promises were made punitive economic sanctions by the
282 West had been there by about 2000 or thereabout. How then are the sanctions of 2000 or thereabout suddenly the
283 excuse for failure to pay civil servants in 2014. That is politicking going too far off the mark (Tafirenyika, 2014).
284 The nonagenarian added that the civil servants had sacrificed a lot under difficult circumstances especially during
285 the hyperinflationary era of 2000 to 2008.

286 "I don't know makararama sei? Isu vamwe tine minda nemagarden" (meaning I do not know how you made
287 it. Some of us could fall back on our land), but there are some who depend solely on their salaries (Tafirenyika,
288 2014).

289 According to the Author the one big problem that underlies everything that the clueless ZANU PF does is lack
290 of discipline. To cause hyperinflation in the 2000-8 period they were printing money 24 hours a day. To cause
291 food insecurity in Zimbabwe they authored the chaotic land reform programme, chief among other irregularities,
292 now they are grappling with the size of the civil wage bill which currently stands at 70%. What does that mean
293 to you? For every \$100 of government expenditure the civil service wage bill is knocking off \$70 of that money.
294 During election time ZANU PF through financial indiscipline go on a senseless recruitment drive to please the
295 electorate. The end result, according to Patrick Chinamasa, the ZANU PF Finance Minister, he cannot reduce
296 the wage bill in which 75 000 of about 230 000 civil servants are ghost workers. These were unearthed by the
297 internationally reputable Ernst and Young (India) in a comprehensive audit carried out at the request of the
298 paranoid ZANU PF government (Mambo, 2014). All said and done what remains for the Author to carry out next
299 is the Summary, Conclusion and Recommendations designed for risk treatment. But up next is the Summary of
300 the Paper.

301 11 VI.

302 12 Summary

303 'MaSanctions mu Zimbabwe mazvokuda mavanga enyora' (meaning suffering pain from a self inflicted wound). At
304 the very best ZANU PF is found engaging in child play to conclude that the crying and mourning about sanctions
305 is nothing but attention seeking from a child in a quest of breast feeding from its mother. The usual drivel and
306 hogwash such as the West want to recolonise Zimbabwe to make way for regime change to benefit the MDC-T,
307 the West wants to collapse the economy of Zimbabwe to find an excuse, chief among others, are a complete miss
308 of the point to confirm that the crying and mourning is in fact a much ado about absolutely nothing. To militate
309 against the above drivel, the real not imagined reasons, for Zimbabwe's long history of failure are placed squarely
310 on His Excellence President Mugabe who for an uninterrupted 34 years has been President of Zimbabwe, the
311 chaotic land reform which replaced experienced white commercial farmers with inept black farmers who sold farm
312 equipment, endemic corruption from ZANU PF kleptocracy always mouthing off historical liberation slogans to
313 justify their continued stay in power, Zimbabwe involved in the DRC war which did not create new wealth
314 for the impoverished Zimbabwe, let alone posing any security threat to democracy and the rule of law. Other
315 negative forces militating against Zimbabwe's economic prosperity are His Excellence President Mugabe's political
316 intolerance of political pluralism, electoral fraud, gross human rights abuses, chief among others. The West was
317 also a victim of vitriol and scorn by His Excellence President Mugabe. In retaliation for this long list of wrong
318 doing by Zimbabwe, punitive economic sanctions were imposed on Zimbabwe by the USA, EU, Australia, IMF,
319 WB and AfDB. As expected Russia and China vetoed.

320 A short literature review was carried out to sound out what other stakeholders said about the punitive sanctions
321 against Zimbabwe vis-à-vis the crying and mourning from ZANU PF. First to make contribution was Chimakure
322 of the Newsday who rubbed the crying and mourning by ZANU PF as another act of child play designed
323 primarily for attention seeking from sympathizers' such as Russia and China. Then came Mushawatu who also
324 rubbed another drivel by ZANU PF to say that Zimbabwe failed to access loans from the Brentonwoods
325 Institutions primarily because of defaulting on payments and not as a retributive action against the controversial
326 land reform programme. His Excellence President Mugabe chipped in with his contribution that people should
327 stop blaming everything including drought and starvation on sanctions. And finally another discovery which was
328 a source of discomfort to any Zimbabwean with Zimbabwe at heart was civil service wage bill gobbling 70% of
329 the government expenditure. Of the 230 000 civil servants, 75 000 are ghost workers employed at the behest of
330 the indisciplined ZANU PF. Having said this up next is the Conclusion.

331 13 VII.

332 14 Conclusion

333 Let us take the bull by the horns. "Ngatirege kurova imbwa takaviga mupini" (meaning let us not beat about
334 the bush) "amai kana vari ivo muroyi ndizvozvo zvatakaudzwa nemashope shope" (meaning if the mother has
335 been caught as the village witch, so be it).

336 Zimbabwe, that the West imposed sanctions to reverse, the chaotic land reform in Zimbabwe, that the West
337 imposed punitive sanctions primarily to hurt the Zimbabwean economy to make way for an MDC government
338 in Zimbabwe through the back door, that potholes on our roads claiming lives of many Zimbabweans through
339 road accidents, that we have drought and starvation in Zimbabwe because of sanctions imposed by the West,
340 chief among other nonsensical excuses is all but cheap ZANU PF hogwash, drivel, manyepo (meaning lies) which
341 will not wash now and in the future. The brutal truth which will hurt ZANU PF is that ZANU PF is not
342 behaving to the expectations of those who have imposed the punitive economic sanctions. Take it or leave it. This
343 modern world of increasing complexity has the USA, EU and Australia as the prefects of this world. They are the
344 custodian of the foreign direct investment for which the impoverished Zimbabwe is in desperate need as testified

345 by its destroyed and damaged infrastructure. That tiny and humiliatingly poor as you are you can have the guts
346 to tell the USA and the EU:

347 "Keep your money.I will keep my Zimbabwe"as once said by His Excellence President Mugabe.

348 Uku ndookunonzi kunyaebra church chaiko. Hapana kunamata apa (meaning to say, Your Excellence Mr
349 President, you are shedding crocodile tears). Know this fact that you need the USA and the EU more than the
350 two need you.And so the crying and mourning by your party ZANU PF is all but a baby cry from a baby in
351 need of breast feeding from its mother. And there is nothing more or less to it. Period. On that sombre note the
352 Author declares time for the Recommendations.

353 **15 VIII.**

354 **16 Recommendations**

355 'Hanzi navakuru vakare mwana asingachemi anofira mumberekko.Mbudzi kuzvarira pane vanhu kuti itandirwe
356 imbwa' (meaning the baby cry is designed for attention seeking that it is breast feeding time, meaning a goat
357 that gives birth in the presence of a crowd of people did it for security reasons eg, a threat from the predators
358 like dogs in the neighbourhood). The positive side of the crying and mourning by the clueless ZANU PF was
359 designed for attention seeking for a 'save our soul'. And indeed people with a Christian background like the
360 Author will certainly rush to their rescue. From the looks of things ZANU PF are an Ebola suffering patient in
361 the intensive care unit of a missionary hospital in rural Zimbabwe in need of both material and spiritual help in
362 order to survive the Ebola attack.

363 First and foremost, ZANU PF must learn to behave to the expectations of the blind review of its peers.Forsaking
364 democracy and the rule of law will certainly make you cross swords with the US A and the EU who are not only
365 the custodians of the foreign direct investment needed by any country in the poor third world of which Zimbabwe
366 is one, but the spiritual home of democracy, Christianity, civilization and the rule of law, chief among others.
367 Therefore, any breach of the above political benchmarks will not only make you an enemy open for military
368 attack by the USA and EU but a hopeless enemy not worth of financial aid. Therefore, Zimbabwe must learn to
369 behave to the expectations of these super powers.

370 Secondly 'Ushe madzoro, ukatongawo nhasi ini ndichatongawo mangwana' (meaning we must take turns to
371 rule and not for one person to rule for ever). The root causes of the shenanigans by the ZANU PF party as
372 exposed in this Paper is for the love of power and nothing else. Look at Spain, the World Football Champion since
373 2010 and the current European Champions. The Spanish dominance in World Football was becoming worrisome
374 to everybody with soccer at heart. And look at the cruel manner in which they were dispossessed of their title
375 eg, by a 5-1 score line defeat, chief among others. So, do you want that to happen to you?(Reuters 2014) 'Dambe
376 rinoregwa richanakidza' (meaning too much of everything is not only boring but open to violent over-throws as
377 what happened to Spain in the 2014 World Cup in Brazil which ran from 14 June to 13 July 2014. Those with
378 ears have heard.And for today the Author will park the bus right here to take a breather. "Mwari neVadzimu
379 venyika ino tibatsirei Amen" (meaning God and the Ancestral Spirits of this country please help us, Amen).

380 **17 IX.**

381 **18 Key Assumption**

382 In presenting this Paper would, right from the outset wish to reassure the beloved Reader that all the facts and
383 figures contained herein are stated as they are on the ground. Any offence to any person whatsoever was and is
384 unintentional and therefore sincerely regretted. ¹

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Figure 1:

IV.

Africa Summit held in New York on 5 -8 August 2014.

? After the USA-Africa summit Obama pledged US\$ 33 billion in financial and development assistance and Zimbabwe stood not to benefit from that. Up next is how the various stakeholders said about the punitive sanctions imposed on the Zimbabwe's political leadership.

V.

Said About these Western Imposed Sanctions on Zimbabwe's Political

What the Various Stakeholders

Leadership to Conclude it's a

Figure 2:

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