

## **'NHI must be protected from corporate capture'**

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Johannesburg - Cosatu and the SACP have warned of the possible "capture" of the National Health Insurance (NHI).

The two alliances partners of the ANC would jointly embark on campaigns on the NHI, "defending it from being captured or distorted by private corporate interests."

This along with others on the national minimum wage, financial sector transformation and corruption, the two organisations said.

"Both the SACP and Cosatu recognise that no other class can best represent the objective interests of the workers and the poor other than the working class itself.

"A lot in the unfolding political situation underlines the importance of an increased necessity for the SACP and Cosatu to work even more closely," they said.

These were among the outcomes of the bilateral talks between the two organisations' leaders on Monday.

They also agreed to deepen the fight against corruption and corporate capture of the state.

"This includes a fight against factionalism, social distance from the membership and mass base, patronage and distortion of internal democracy," they said.

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