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Dear Sir/Madam

**STATE v JACOB GEDLEYIHLEKISA ZUMA
DURBAN CENTRAL CAS 1941/08/2003**

1. Your letter, dated 12 February 2018, refers.
2. I have obtained the views of the prosecuting team, as well as that of my four Deputy National Directors of Public Prosecutions along with one of my legal advisors, which has necessitated me to acquire a legal opinion from senior counsel. It is projected that the legal opinion will reach my office before close of business on Wednesday, 14 February 2018. As such, I will respond to you by Thursday, 15 February 2018.
3. In my letter dated 9 December 2017, I recorded that I would communicate the process and timeline within which I intend to advise of my decision in terms of section 179(2) of the Constitution. In this regard, I have given the prosecuting team until 23 February 2018 to provide me with their recommendations. Once same has been received, I will advise on the way forward, including the date by which I intend to announce my decision in this matter.

Yours sincerely

**ADV SK ABRAHAMS
NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS**

DATE: 13-02-2018