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Ms B. Mbete MP
Speaker of the National Assembly
Parliament of the Republic of South Africa

Ms T.R. Modise
Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces
Parliament of the Republic of South Africa

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam Chairperson,

REQUEST FOR DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT AND EARLY ELECTION

Opposition party leaders met in Parliament today in the midst of this debilitating leadership struggle in the ruling party which has held the nation to ransom and ground the country to a halt.

We discussed the best way forward in this matter that represents all South Africans, not just the ANC, and have made a collective decision to call for the dissolution of Parliament in terms of section 50 of the Constitution. This section of the Constitution envisages a situation such as the one that we find ourselves in whereby the country needs a fresh beginning and a fresh mandate.

We therefore call on you to urgently schedule a sitting so that we can debate and vote on this motion. I will be submitting this motion to you in the next 24 hours.

This fifth Parliament has time and time again failed in its Constitutional mandate to hold the Executive to account to the wishes of the people.

Moreover, whoever succeeds Jacob Zuma as President of the ANC does so with the mandate of the ANC and not the people of South Africa. It is for the people's representatives to elect the new President of South Africa.

As such, Parliament must be dissolved and a fresh early election must be held within 90 days of this dissolution.

Yours sincerely

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Leader of the Official Opposition in Parliament
Leader of the Democratic Alliance