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Hon Cyril Ramaphosa
President of the Republic of South Africa
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Dear Mr President,

SUSPENSION OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE STATE SECURITY AGENCY

I am writing to draw your attention the legal action initiated by the Inspector-General of Intelligence (IGI), Dr Setlhomamaru Dintwe, against the Director-General of the State Security Agency (SSA), Mr Arthur Fraser.

According to a press statement released by Dr Dintwe on 11 April 2018, the IGI states: "Given the brazen and unlawful actions by the Director-General, I have made an urgent application to the High Court for an order setting aside the revocation of my security clearance and an interdict against the Director-General from interfering with my functions".

The press statement alleges, *inter alia*, that Fraser has:

- obstructed the functioning of the Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence (OIGI);
- undermined its investigation into the allegations against him;
- acted in defiance of the OIGI's constitutional mandate and powers;
- threatened and intimidated Dr Dintwe on more than one occasion;
- sought to revoke Dr Dintwe's security clearance;
- informed Dr Dintwe that he (Mr Fraser) has 'suspended' him; and
- informing Dr Dintwe that he cannot have access to any intelligence as well any intelligence premises, including his own office

Dr Dintwe further notes that: "I have also asked the Court to order the Director-General to co-operate in respect of my investigations, including the investigations regarding complaints against him. I have furthermore asked the Court to put in place measures to ensure my personal security".

Both the IGI's press statement and correspondence from Arthur Fraser, as published by news media, have been attached for your consideration as Addendums 'A' through 'F'.

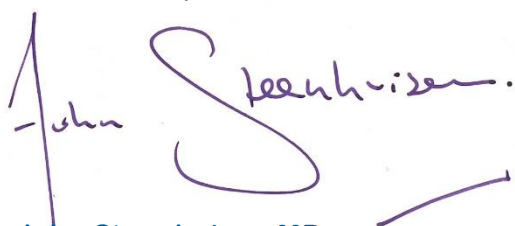
It is frankly outrageous to think that the Inspector-General of Intelligence has to approach the High Court to seek protection from the head of the SSA who is actively trying to intimidate him and frustrate the functioning of his office, as mandated by Section 210 of the Constitution of South Africa.

On 18 May 2017, the DA lodged a formal complaint with the IGI's Office, in terms of section 7(cA) of the Intelligence Services Oversight Act (40 of 1994), requesting an investigation into Fraser's involvement with the Principle Agent Network (PAN) programme which he, as the then-Deputy Director-General of the National Intelligence Agency, initiated and oversaw from 2007 to 2009. In September of the same year we asked the IGI to urgently probe allegations of a covert unit operating within the SSA targeting political opponents of your predecessor, Mr Jacob Zuma, and reporting directly to him and then-Minister of State Security, David Mahlobo.

It is clear that Mr Fraser is now actively trying to sabotage both these important investigations and it is no longer tenable to have him serve as the Director-General of the SSA as long as these investigations are ongoing. It is for this reason that I ask that you immediately place Arthur Fraser on suspension pending the conclusion of these investigations, as well as an investigation into the allegations made against him by the IGI.

I trust that you will give this matter the urgent and serious consideration it deserves, and I look forward to your response in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "John Steenhuisen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S'.

John Steenhuisen MP
Chief Whip of the Official Opposition
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