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By Electronic Message

To: Mr Glen Mashinini
Chairperson: Independent Electoral Commission
Mashininig@elections.org.za / munyaits@elections.org.za

Dear Mr Mashinini

RE: ALLEGED USE OF PROCEEDS OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES FOR POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING

I write to you regarding recent allegations linking the ANC to the commission of serious economic crimes.

On 13 July 2018 the Mail & Guardian reported that R250 000 had fraudulently been paid by a shelf company named Robvet to the African National Congress. ANC Spokesperson Pule Mabe confirmed that the party had received such an amount for a table at its gala dinner to celebrate the party's 106th birthday. The article can be found at <https://mg.co.za/article/2018-07-13-00-anc-bash-caught-up-in-vbs-web>.

On 18 July 2018 the ANC confirmed that a Luthuli House employee was implicated in cash-in-transit heists. ANC confirmed that the suspect was in fact an ANC employee and dismissed him shortly thereafter. The article can be found at <http://ewn.co.za/2018/07/18/anc-dismisses-errol-present-after-arrest-for-cash-heists>.

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These revelations tie the ANC to serious crimes involving vast sums of money. This raises questions about the legality of the party's funding. The implications of this speak to the very core of our democracy and cast a pall over the possibility of conducting truly free and fair elections in 2019.

The mandate of the IEC in terms of section 5 of the Electoral Commission Act includes ensuring that every election is free and fair, and indeed to promote conditions conducive to free and fair elections. The present circumstances pose a grave threat to the realisation of these objectives.

We therefore write to request that the IEC look into this matter without further delay in view of the upcoming National and Provincial elections, and that, where necessary, corrective steps be taken to ensure the proper fulfilment of the Commission's constitutional mandate.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Solly Malatsi MP

DA National Spokesperson

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