Memorandum

11 September 2018

In 1995, Nelson Mandela correctly noted that “our children are the rock on which our future will be built, our greatest asset as a nation. They will be the leaders of our country, the creators of our national wealth who care for and protect our people.”

Realising this assertion made by the world icon, Nelson Mandela, the DA Women’s Network in KwaZulu Natal represented here today by Provincial Chairperson, Shehana Kajee;

We are extremely concerned at the increase in reports suggesting that the kidnapping and killing of young children in Durban and surrounding is on the rise.

It is our considered view that the community, the police and civil society have a big role to play in dealing with this problem. We all have a role to play in creating a better world for our children.

Noting the recent incident of Miguel Louw, whom the suspect was granted bail, it is common cause that the judge in the matter expressed great dissatisfaction with the state’s evidence. This is a huge concern for us.

We therefore plead with the South African Police Service to prioritise this type of crime.

We ask that crimes of this nature be allocated to the most experienced investigating officers to avoid possible blunders which might compromise cases.

We ask that there be preventative plans and community awareness programs in place to minimize reactive measures

Furthermore, we note that the lack of adequate policing and resources allocated to securing our borders have further exacerbated the scourge of human trafficking in our country.

Our children are our greatest treasure. They are our future. Those who abuse them tear at the fabric of our society and weaken our nation.

We are here today, to give notice to the South African Police that we will return in 30 days from today.

When we return, we want a report on the action that has been taken, and the plans that will be put into place, to rid our community of child trafficking and killings.

Signed on Behalf of Democratic Alliance.

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Shehana Kajee

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