

PLEDGE AGREEMENT

This Pledge Agreement (the “Agreement”) is effective 12 October 2018

BETWEEN: The Democratic Alliance

AND: Primero Justicia

Following a meeting between representatives of the Democratic Alliance, the main opposition political party in South Africa, and Primero Justicia, the main opposition political party in Venezuela, the parties note:

- The devastating social, political, and economic crisis unfolding in Venezuela due to the implementation of authoritarian populism policies, including:
 - o The expropriation of land without compensation;
 - o The nationalisation of key industries; and
 - o The facilitation of corruption through nepotism and cadre deployment.
- This has led to the collapse of the Venezuelan economy, with 80% of the population living in poverty
- Venezuelans are poor, hungry, and hopeless, while the politically connected elite are rich and untouchable
- The fact that South Africa, under the current regime, is systematically adopting such policies, which will have dire consequences for the people of South Africa.

Both parties to the Agreement reject the policies of authoritarian populism, the expropriation of all land without compensation, the nationalisation of key industries, and widespread corruption and maladministration due to nepotism and cadre deployment.

Both parties to the Agreement believe in the following fundamental principles:

- The rule of law and supremacy of the Constitution;
- Universal freedoms and human rights;
- An open, market-based economy that is supported by an enabling environment for job creation and prosperity;
- Giving more power to individuals, and less to the government;
- Enhancing trade in a rapidly growing and technologically advancing global community;
- The protection and promotion of private property rights;
- The complete separation of party and state; and
- The total eradication of corruption.

Together, we will continue to work together with fellow brothers and sisters from across the globe to defeat the forces of illiberalism, and ensure people are free from the coercion and manipulation of corrupt governments.

Both parties therefore resolve to working together towards the following goals:

- Mobilizing the international community to pressure the Venezuelan government to abandon its programme of state repression;

- Fight for the opening up a channel to allow humanitarian aid to the people of Venezuela, in order for much needed food and medicine to be supplied;
- To ensure fair elections in Venezuela;
- Return power to the *de jure* National Assembly;
- The end of political repression of opposition parties in Venezuela; and
- The release of all political prisoners in Venezuela.

on behalf of the Democratic Alliance

on behalf of Primero Justicia