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Dear Chairperson Hope Papo,

**Requests for urgent meeting with Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies on National Treasury's prescribed conditions for SABC "financial support"**

I am writing to you to request that you convene an urgent meeting with Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies, Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams, in order for her to furnish the Portfolio Committee with the details of National Treasury's prescribed conditions for the proposed financial support that will be provided to the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC).

This follows the announcement by the Finance Minister, Tito Mboweni, in Parliament yesterday that Treasury will use its contingency reserve fund to "support" the SABC. Minister Mboweni provided very little detail on the financial support to be provided, save to state that the funding will be provided in tranches and that a Chief Reorganization Officer (CRO) will be appointed.

I am of the view that the Committee, to whom the SABC is accountable, must be provided with the full details and importantly, Treasury's full pre-conditions so it can exercise its oversight to ensure that the conditions are indeed being met and the funding is not being mismanaged to prevent the SABC from finding itself in yet another financial crisis.

As such, I request that Minister Ndabeni-Abrahams engage with Treasury in order to provide the Committee and the public with the full conditions surrounding this financial support for the SABC, with the following information:

- The full details and amounts of the tranches of funding that will be provided to the SABC;
- The full details related to the position of the CRO, which must not infringe on the SABC's independence; and,
- The conditions related to the provision of the funding with clear deliverables, deadlines and accountability mechanisms. We trust that you will respond promptly to this matter and look forward to your response.

I will await your prompt response in this matter.

Your sincerely,

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