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For attention:
Honourable Mr. Thulas Nxesi,
Minister of Labour
Per e-mail: albertina.barlow@labour.gov.za

Dear Mr. Thulas Nxesi,

Proposed UIF bailout Of SAA

I refer you to the attached copy of the letter received from Les Matuson and Siviwe Dongwana, the SAA Business Rescue Practitioners.

I write to request that you provide details of and clarity on the discussions that the SAA Business Rescue practitioners admit have taken place between SAA and the UIF “to seek out solutions to alleviating financial challenges to both South African Airways (SAA) and its employees...”.

It is our firm opinion that there can be no special deal between the UIF and SAA. That SAA and its employees must be treated in line with the relevant laws and in the same way as any other employer and employees would be treated. We believe that even the fact that the UIF entertained discussions with the SAA BRP’s is out of order and has created a precedent for all employers to approach the UIF for similar discussions.

In addition to the details and outcomes of the discussions between the SAA BRP’s and the UIF, we urge you to ensure that no further such discussions take place and request that you confirm your condemnation of these discussions as well as your determination to ensure that SAA and its employees will be treated in line with the law and will not be given any special treatment or funding.

Yours faithfully

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DA Member of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts
(Sent electronically without signature)

