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SHADOW MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION

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Minister Naledi Pandor

International Relations and Co Operation

Dear Honourable Dr. Naledi Pandor

Requesting an Executive Statement to the National Assembly regarding SA citizens stuck in China,

It has come to the Democratic Alliance's (DA) attention that around 85 South Africans are currently stuck in China, despite them wanting to be evacuated and returned to South Africa in light of the outbreak of the Coronavirus.

It is against this background that the DA humbly request that you make an urgent Executive Statement to the National Assembly – which is allowed by Rule 133 of the National Assembly – stating the reason only half the South African community in China were assisted out of the country and the other half has been left to their own devices.

The DA believes that the outbreak of Coronavirus and its impact on the wellbeing of South African citizens warrants such a statement. This is indeed an opportune time for the kind of political leadership that our citizens abroad and the families so desperately need.

The DA will continue to support efforts that will keep our citizens safe.

I look forward to your response.

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