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Dear Honourable Ministers Pandor and Gordhan

Request for clarity on allegations that international airlines are being denied landing right in South Africa

I am writing to you for clarity regarding claims that South African authorities are refusing landing rights to international airlines that are repatriating South African citizens home. It is being alleged that this is being done to preference South African Airways (SAA).

The Democratic Alliance have received the following reports from those affected:

1. South Africans scheduled to return home on Friday, 5 June, from Amsterdam, the Netherlands, on a KLM Royal Dutch Airlines flight (TB8701), have been informed that the flight is not cleared to land in South Africa.
2. Two Ethiopian Airline flights have not been allowed to take off to land in South Africa due to not being given the necessary permission from South African authorities.

It is paramount that you provide clarity on these allegations as the continued refusal of landing rights to international airlines, that are transporting South Africans home, could potentially create a knock-on effect for foreign citizens currently in South Africa who want to return to their home countries.

I request your urgent intervention and clarity in this regard.

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