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Hon. Ayanda Dlodlo

Minister of State Security

**Re: Establishment of a new and re-imagined Intelligence Service**

Following revelations of impropriety and abuse of state resources at the State Security Agency (SSA) by witnesses currently testifying before the Zondo Commission, I am writing to request that your office considers starting a process to disband the Agency in its current form and work towards establishing an independent, efficient and transparent state security agency.

The SSA's integrity and independence as a constitutional body has been severely compromised by these revelations. In its current form, it is clear that the agency has become a liability to national security as it has morphed into a vehicle to advance political agendas. The loss of public confidence and trust in SSA will have far reaching consequences on South Africa's national security unless urgent steps are taken to work towards a new and re-imagined intelligence service.

Allegations made by Dr Sydney Mufamadi at the Zondo Commission are of a grave and serious nature requiring, not only an introspection among South Africa's intelligence community, but a concerted reform process that will insulate the intelligence service from future interference by power hungry political elites. South Africans were appalled to learn that SAA had become an arena for such unseemly crimes such as:

- The alleged recruitment of members of the judiciary to secure Zuma favourable outcomes in cases against him, dubbed Project Justice;
- The infiltration and manipulation of the media through Iqbal Survey's African News Agency which is claimed to have received R20 million for services rendered for 8 months;
- The R1.5 million per month spent on toxicologists to test Zuma's bedding but only found expired cool drinks;
- The false allegations against the heads of the Hawks and IPID;
- Project Commitment which allegedly saw an estimated R80 million allegedly funneled to Zuma from the SSA for about two years;
- Project Tin Roof reportedly cost around R5 million to provide housing for Zuma's wife excommunicated wife, MaNtuli, and their children, with a further R800 000 spent on the project monthly; and
- Project Wave sought to protect Zuma's reputation locally and internationally.

These criminal acts notwithstanding, the reform of our state security system was long overdue as highlighted in the 2018 High Level Review Panel Report on the State Security Agency. The report's findings are consistent with the sordid details emerging from testimonies at the Zondo Commission, namely: politicisation of the intelligence community, application of secrecy which stifles accountability and resource abuse by many 'inside' and 'outside' the agency. To overcome this deliberate weakening of a vital state institution, I advise that your office starts taking active steps in implementing its recommendations as a matter of urgency. Failure to do so will inflict irreparable damage to the intelligence community's ability to fulfill its national security mandate.



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I look forward to engaging further with your office on this request.

Kind Regards

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