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Dear Hon. M. Nair,

RE: PROVISION OF PROOF OF ADDRESS LETTERS TO PR COUNCILLORS IN ILEMBE DISTRICT

- 1. Your attention is drawn to the subject.
- 2. Pursuant to your correspondence on the subject and consistent with my authority as contemplated in Section 154 of the Constitution, read with Section 105(1) of the Municipal Systems act, to Monitor and Support Local Government. I issued letters to the Speakers of Council for all Local Municipalities within Ilembe District, with a view to establish the position of the respective Municipalities on the issuing of Proof of address letters and those authorized to issue same.
- 3. After analyzing the responses from the Speakers of Council, it is clear that PR Councillors in all Local Municipalities within the District are supplied with the necessary Proof of address (POA) letters that they are authorized to issue to residents. The exception is with the Mandeni Local Municipality which has cited fraud and corruption on the part of some of the PR Councillors.
- 4. To this end, I have written to the Speaker of Mandeni Local Municipality advising the Municipality to develop internal mechanisms to address the alleged fraud, while providing PR Councillors with the necessary Proof of address (POA) letters which will enable them to fulfil their duties to the public effectively. I hope you find the above in order.

Yours faithfully,

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