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Hon. President Cyril Ramaphosa
President of the Republic of South Africa
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By e-mail

Dear Mister President,

**REQUEST FOR AN SIU INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS OF IRREGULARITIES,
MALADMINISTRATION, AND ABUSE OF POWER AT PARLIAMENT**

The above matter refers.

You will no doubt recall the various reports as appeared in the media over the course of the last three years relating to the recruitment, appointment, remuneration, and past salary increases of the incumbent Secretary to Parliament, Mr Xolile George.

Without canvassing these reports in full, suffice to note that, whereas Mr George was appointed to the role of Secretary to Parliament in 2022, ostensibly on a five-year performance-based contract with an annual salary of R2,6 million, his package was swiftly increased to R4,4 million – a more than 70% increase – not six months into his position.

Today, Mr George's basic salary stands at approximately R4,9 million; an astounding sum as compared to his peers in the public service.

These meteoric raises, and the background to his nomination, beg serious questions about the regularity of his appointment, the affordability and correctness of process in awarding these increases, and the extent to which appropriate oversight was conducted. They further raise concerns surrounding the circumstances of Mr George's appointment and salary increases, and the good faith of the Executive Authority in granting the same.

The matter has been reported on in several news outlets, including *Daily Maverick*, the *Sunday Times*, *Eyewitness News*, and *News24*. Most recently, Corruption Watch also wrote to the Speaker of the National Assembly and the Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces regarding alleged irregularities in the salary increases granted to Mr George.

The facts giving rise to these concerns have their genesis in the terms of office of the former Speaker of the National Assembly, Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, and the former Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces, Mr Amos Maseko.

Indeed, the Democratic Alliance has come into possession of a number of documents directly related to this matter, and which cast both light on the murkier aspects of these processes as well as casts doubt on a number of statements made by, and the conduct of, the former Speaker and the Chairperson.

Together with those documents, we have also been given possession of additional pieces of information concerning alleged irregularities in the budgeting and procurement processes related to the 9th BRICS Parliamentary Forum held in 2023.

All of the aforesaid documents are included in an affidavit deposed to by my colleague, Mr Rikus Badenhorst MP, which sets out these matters in full, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Copies of this affidavit have also been furnished to the incumbent Executive Authority, the Chief Whip of the Largest Party, and the Joint Standing Committee on the Financial Management of Parliament, for an investigation.

However, Parliament has a limited scope for investigating matters of serious maladministration in the affairs of State, the improper conduct of employees of State institutions, the unlawful appropriation or expenditure of public money, unlawful, irregular or unapproved acquisitive acts, etc., as set out in the Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunals Act 74 of 1996 – all of which fall within the ambit of the Special Investigating Unit (SIU).

In light of the above, and the serious concerns raised in the documentation provided, the Democratic Alliance respectfully requests that you issue a Presidential Proclamation to the SIU to investigate these matters; and, more especially, to probe any allegations, reports, or concerns of impropriety, irregularity, and maladministration at the Houses of Parliament during the tenure of the former Speaker, Chairperson, and current Secretary to Parliament.

As these matters touch upon the highest echelons of the legislative arm of government and directly impacts the functioning of the People's House (the proper financial management of which is paramount), it is crucial to ensure that these investigations are conducted effectively, efficiently, and in the best interests of the people of South Africa.

Owing to our shared dedication and commitment to root out corruption and malfeasance at every level of government, I entrust this matter to you.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Michalakis', written over a horizontal line.

Mr G Michalakis MP
Chief Whip of the Democratic Alliance