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Hon. M. Ntuli, MP

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Dear Chief Whip,

REQUEST FOR A JOINT SITTING OF THE SECURITY CLUSTER TO URGENTLY ADDRESS THE PROLIFERATION OF WIDESPREAD XENOPHOBIC ATTACKS

I write to you in relation to several instances of violent attacks directed at non-South Africans in recent weeks, the imminent threat of widespread xenophobic violence, and the apparent inaction by the South African Police Service (SAPS) in this matter.

Across the country, non-South Africans are under threat. Recent news reports show non-South Africans fleeing their homes to escape violent mobs, demanding they leave the country. Attacks are widespread and several murders have been reported. Many non-South Africans are forced to go into hiding, seek places of safety or board long distance buses back to their countries of birth. Several African countries have urged citizens who reside in South Africa to return to their country of birth, citing a real and imminent threat to their lives.

The threat is escalating as we near the “deadline” of 30 June 2026 “imposed” on Government by the March and March Organisation, for all non-South Africans, who are not in South Africa legally, to leave the country.

We understand that several protests are planned for the coming weeks in towns and cities across South Africa.

While the frustration of South Africans with joblessness, and a stagnant economy as its cause, is understandable, the direction of such frustration at those who seek refuge and opportunity in our country is abhorrent and inexcusable. Despite this emerging crisis, the SAPS appears unwilling and/or unable to act. This inaction, if continued, would amount to a tacit condonation of violence against non-South Africans.

This needs to be urgently addressed and it is the duty of Parliament to hold the SAPS accountable for its failure to ensure the safety of all those who reside within our borders.

Our Constitution promises that South Africa belongs to all who live in it. It affords the rights of safety and human dignity to all, irrespective of where such a person was born. Violence against non-South Africans stands in stark contrast to the very values upon which our nation was founded.

I respectfully urge you, Honourable Chief Whip, to convene a joint sitting of the Portfolio Committees within the Security Cluster as a matter of utmost urgency. The aim of such joint sitting should be to find immediate solutions to the growing crisis, before it is too late.

I need not remind you of what occurred in 2008 when Government failed to act timeously in the face of the threat of widespread xenophobic attacks. This issue crosses all party lines, and should the Security Cluster fail to meet the threat head-on, we will undoubtedly be remembered as being on the wrong side of history.

I look forward to receiving your urgent response in this matter.

Yours faithfully,



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