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To: His Excellency President Cyril Ramaphosa  
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Dear President Ramaphosa,

**RE: PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF THE MINISTER OF POLICE**

I write to you as a partner in the Government of National Unity, and as the Leader of a party that shares responsibility for ensuring that this government succeeds in restoring public confidence, strengthening the rule of law, and building a South Africa that works for everyone.

Across the country, citizens are asking for the most basic duty of the state to be fulfilled namely that families be protected, criminals be caught, cases be properly investigated, prosecutions succeed, and corrupt networks inside law-enforcement institutions be rooted out.

South Africa's crime crisis is a national emergency.

South Africa cannot afford uncertainty in the leadership of the police service at a time when murder, extortion, gang violence, infrastructure sabotage and organised crime are inflicting such deep harm on communities and the economy.

I therefore respectfully request that you move with urgency to make a permanent appointment to the office of Minister of Police. The current Acting Minister of Police has been acting in the position for a year.



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Whoever serves in this position must have a clear and permanent mandate to rebuild crime intelligence, strengthen visible policing, support detectives, improve forensic capacity, restore discipline in SAPS, and clean up corruption within the criminal justice system.

A permanent Minister must also be given clear performance targets and be held publicly accountable for progress. South Africans deserve to know who is responsible, what is being done, and by when results will be delivered.

I urge you to act with the seriousness and speed this crisis demands.

Yours sincerely,

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