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Dear Adv P Prior

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH INFORMATION IN AID OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO INQUIRE INTO ALLEGATIONS REGARDING EFFORTS OR ATTEMPTS HAVING BEEN MADE TO STOP THE INVESTIGATION OR PROSECUTION OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION CASES.

- 1 On 29 May 2025, the President of the Republic of South Africa, Mr Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, issued Proclamation Notice 264 of 2025 establishing a Commission of Inquiry to Inquire into Allegations Regarding Efforts or Attempts Having been Made to Stop the Investigation or Prosecution of Truth and Reconciliation Commission ('TRC') Cases ('**the Commission**').
- 2 The attached Terms of Reference of the Commission require that, among other things, the Commission must inquire, make findings, report and make recommendations concerning:

"1.1. ...whether, why and to what extent and by whom, efforts were made to influence or pressure members of the South African Police Service or the National Prosecuting Authority to stop investigating or prosecuting TRC cases."; and

"1.2...whether any members of the South African Police Service or the National Prosecuting Authority improperly colluded with such attempts to influence or pressure them."

- 3 At the relevant time specified in the Commission's Terms of Reference, you may have had access to information concerning decisions, discussions, or policies affecting the investigation and prosecution of TRC-related cases.



- 4 The Commission therefore requests your assistance with furnishing any material in your possession, or to which you had access during your tenure, that may be relevant to its inquiry. This includes memoranda, correspondence, minutes of meetings, or other audio and/or documentary records relating to the TRC cases referred by the Amnesty Committee for investigation or prosecution.
- 5 In addition to providing any relevant material, the Commission would also appreciate receiving, in the form of an affidavit, your own account of any discussions, decisions or considerations during your tenure that may bear on the matters set out in the above-mentioned paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 of the Terms of Reference.
- 6 For the purposes of preparing this affidavit, the evidence leaders would like to have a consultation with you. Such a statement will assist the Commission in understanding the context within which decisions relating to TRC cases were taken. Please advise on a date and time suitable to you during the course of this week, but preferably before 10 October 2025.
- 7 Should you require any further clarity please do not hesitate to contact the secretary of the commission by sending an email to secretary@trc.org.za or to investigations@trc.org.za.

Yours faithfully,

(ELETRONICALLY SIGNED)

CHIEF EVIDENCE LEADER

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