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Associated Families of Rietbok Aircraft Tragedy
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RE: JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ORAL STATEMENTS

Dear Adv Thokoa,

1. I act on behalf of AFORAT, twenty-six victims' Associates Families of the Rietbok Aircraft Tragedy who experienced apartheid era gross Human Rights Violations.

Hearing schedule

2. On 10 September 2025, I provided you with our submission to the Commission on behalf of AFORAT.
3. I understand that the Commission awaits notification of our intention to make an oral statement at this hearing and to hear from witnesses. It will then allocate a time for our group to participate.

Witnesses

4. I confirm we are happy for the Commission's evidence leader, Adv Semanya SC to lead the evidence of our witnesses during the public hearings.
5. Our witnesses are:
 - 5.1 Robyn Lichter
 - 5.2 Alan Elsdon
 - 5.3 Patricia Meyner
 - 5.4 Griet Le Roux (As an aged witness, requests oral sworn statement to be done virtually, without full examination)
 - 5.5 Aaron Goodman
6. A crucial witness responsible for the original TRC submission has failed to submit a promised affidavit. Information regarding the meetings and processes of this submission has been withheld.
 - 6.1 Helen Brown
7. To the extent necessary I may seek the opportunity to re-examine the abovenamed should anything material arise in cross-examination by other parties.
8. I confirm that our witnesses will respond to their availability on the allotted dates.
9. I request that the following witnesses testify via video link
 - 8.1 Robyn Lichter (Melbourne, Australia)
 - 8.2 Alan Elsdon (East London, South Africa)
 - 8.3 Patricia Meyner (Constantia, South Africa)
 - 8.4 Griet Bruwer (Western Cape, South Africa)
 - 8.5 Aaron Goodman (Detroit, Michigan, USA)
10. I confirm that I have provided the Commission with the electronic statements of the above-mentioned witnesses. Certified hard copies can be provided in the near future. These witnesses will confirm their statements and/or affidavits when under oath on the stand. Several witnesses have expressed worries in revealing too much personal information because over the six decades since with air crash, there have been death threats, coercion, and suppression of evidence with those involved in the investigation being sworn to absolute secrecy. This was part of the original questionable conduct.
Many of us consider that there are still threatening powers out there and we have been advised to redact out addresses, ID/Passport Numbers and work details.
11. In respect of the witnesses listed below, we confirm that the Commission's evidence leaders will consult with them, ensure their presence at the hearing and lead them:

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Yours faithfully
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