



16 February 2026

**The State Attorney,  
Attention: Mpho Seotlela  
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Email: MpSeotlela@justice.gov.za

Dear Ms Seotlela,

**RE: INSTRUCTIONS TO BRIEF COUNSEL FOR THE REVIEW APPLICATION -  
TRC CASES INQUIRY**

1. The Commission has received your communication addressed to it regarding the appointment of a legal team to represent the Commission in the pending review applications by former Presidents Mbeki and Zuma. The contents of your letter are noted.
2. I am instructed by the Chairperson to advise that she and her fellow Commissioners are required to discharge their mandate properly.
3. Unless the State Attorney holds a view, correctly, that the chosen team, given their experience, competence and their capacity to discharge their brief, and that their fee is unreasonable, the Commission is minded to have them briefed on the basis of the fee rates they intend to charge.

Yours faithfully

**Adv AM Thokoa**  
Secretary