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Respected Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo
Chairman
The Zondo Commission of Inquiry
Johannesburg

Attention: Mr Sakhile Masuku
Per email: SakhileM@commissionsc.org.za

Dear Deputy Chief Justice Zondo

Presentation of evidence to the Zondo Commission on matters, transactions and practices which fall within the terms of reference of the Commission (e.g. fraud and corruption) in the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (Dirco)

We refer to the above matters and wish to inform you as follows:

1. Following the establishment of the Zondo Commission and the Chairman's open invitation to anyone to come forward with evidence on any matter(s) which may fall within its terms of reference to assist the Commission fulfil its mandate, we believe that the Commission is the proper forum for us to approach with such evidence.
2. We would therefore appreciate it if the Commission could afford us an opportunity to present evidence and for the Commission to investigate certain matters, transactions and practices, which, we believe, fall within the terms of reference of the Commission. Some of the issues we intent to assist the Commission to obtain evidence on include:
 - (a) The role of Dirco and the Presidency in the current system of ambassadorial appointments where the ANC plays such a prominent role in the "deployment" of its "cadres" and "political appointees" into the foreign service under circumstances tainted with allegations of patronage and corruption as evidenced by the "kickbacks" that "political appointees" and some career diplomats are expected pay back (and indeed do pay) to the ANC, ostensibly, in exchange for ambassadorial appointments. Such "kickbacks" are paid to the ANC via debit orders that appointed diplomats sign with the following banking details (or any other alternative banking details the ANC may be using for such purposes):

Beneficiary name: African National Congress
Name of Bank: Nedbank
Account number: 1979314691
Branch: 55 Fox Street, Business Central, Johannesburg
Branch: 128405

- (b) African Renaissance Fund (ARF) projects and transactions in which monies were paid by Dirco to “service providers” without following proper procurement processes. In these transactions, the former Director General, Ambassador Jerry Matjila and others were implicated, particularly in the appointment of Motse 1st Trading (Pty) Ltd, which was awarded a contract in the amount of approximately R53 million (fifty three million Rand) without following Government and Departmental procurement policies, regulations and processes. This was part of the projects that were allocated R250 million (two hundred and fifty million Rand) for the SAHEL Region (North Africa) as indicated in a letter of concurrence signed by then Acting Minister of Finance on or about 11 October 2012. In addition to these projects, there are other ARF projects wherein irregularities were also allegedly committed;
 - (c) ICT procurement irregularities, especially related to the British Telecommunications, and procurement of ICT hardware;
 - (d) Possible irregularities relating to the “Removal or Storage contract” for Dirco Transferred Officials;
 - (e) Irregularities related to acquisition of a chancery (property for Embassy Office) and (Official) residential property in New York, wherein approximately US\$9 million (nine million US Dollars) was allegedly paid in advance (and the properties were never acquired). In this matter, there is an alleged involvement of Regiments Capital Pty (Ltd) (Gupta-linked company) and Simeka Group Pty (Ltd).
 - (f) Activities by the South African High Commission in India, including official visits by South African government and political leaders and business people that were possibly facilitating certain business activities related to the Gupta family.
3. We wish to clarify that the above list of alleged irregularities may not be exhaustive, and therefore some officials and other persons may provide more information during consultations with the Commission’s investigators.
 4. As mentioned above, we believe that the Zondo Commission is the appropriate forum to present evidence in these and other related matters.

We thank you and trust you find this in order. Should the Commission wish to discuss anything further raised herein, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned as per details below.

In the meantime, we shall await the Commission’s further advises, including the time when the Commission’s investigators could meet with us.

Please accept, Respected Deputy Chief Justice, the assurances of our highest consideration and esteem.

Yours sincerely, the undersigned

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