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To: ALL MEDIA HOUSES

STATEMENT OF RESIGNATION BY THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, MRS NOSIVIWE MAPISA - NQAKULA

Today, the 3rd of April, I have submitted to the Acting Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Lechesa Tsenoli, my letter of resignation as both the Speaker of National Assembly and a Member of Parliament of the Republic of South Africa. The resignation is effective immediately.

I have made this conscious decision in order to dedicate my time and focus to deal with the recently announced investigation against me by our country's law enforcement agencies.

My resignation is in no way an indication or admission of guilt regarding the allegations being levelled against me. I have made this decision in order uphold the integrity and sanctity of our Parliament, an apex institution of our system of government, representing of the People of South Africa as a whole.

The position of the Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of South Africa is critical in the reconstruction and development of our country. Given the seriousness of the much-publicized allegations against me, I cannot continue in this role. As a country's chief lawmaker, I hold a central responsibility to protect and preserve the integrity of Parliament by ensuring that my actions ensure that its sacred work of must continue without blemish.

I believe that, at the right time, I will have the opportunity to thoroughly address these allegations as and when they have been formally brought against me in the

appropriate forums, at which time I will clear my good name. I maintain my innocence and am determined to restore my good reputation.
As a member of the ANC, I have spent half my life in the forefront of the struggle to defend the freedom and rights of all South Africans, 30 of these years in my capacity as Member of Parliament and the Executive.

Part of the principle for which me and many other comrades fought for, is the principle for every South African to be deemed innocent until proven guilty. Given the public trust entrusted in me as a Speaker of our National Assembly and the need for me to protect the image of our organisation the African National Congress, I have an obligation, despite the principle that I should be deemed innocent, to step down from my office.

I have also written to my organisation the thank African National Congress informing the leadership of my decision and to thank the ANC for having given me the opportunity and trusted me with many senior leadership responsibilities in service of our people and our Revolution over the years.
I remain a dedicate member of the African National Congress, a Movement I have remained loyal to all my political life.

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