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**RE: JOINT MEDIA RELEASE BY INDEPENDENT POLICE INVESTIGATIVE
DIRECTORATE (IPID) AND INVESTIGATING DIRECTORATE (ID)**

In response to media reports today, that IPID has recalled two of the six IPID investigators assigned to work in the Security Sector focus area of the ID since October 2019, the two entities make the following statement after a meeting to address these and other issues relevant to their mutual cooperation:

Both the ID and IPID have overlapping mandates to investigate serious, high profile and complex corruption matters perpetrated by members at the highest levels within the South African Police Service (SAPS). To address this common objective the respective heads of the two entities met in September 2019 and agreed that the ID would take over certain fraud and corruption investigations involving senior SAPS officials, together with some of the personnel assigned to those investigations from IPID. Those investigators were assigned to work in multi-disciplinary teams with personnel from SARS, the DPCI and external forensic accounting firms.

Today's meeting was convened to address; on the one hand, IPID's constrained capacity to deal with its increasing workload, exacerbated in part by the increase in cases against police officers under COVID 19 lockdown restrictions; and on the other hand, the ID's need to maintain a skilled and stable team fully dedicated to making an impact on serious, high level and complex corruption cases in Security Sector focus area.

The parties agreed to recommit their respective entities to working together to find constructive and innovative solutions to the challenge of delivering on their respective mandates in the context of almost debilitating resource constraints. The parties agreed to strengthen joint mechanisms to identify the most pressing priority cases that need to be addressed to root out corruption at the highest levels in the police and to ensure that human and other resources are deployed effectively to address these priorities.

Both entities remain committed to tackling the scourge of corruption in the security sector and restore the integrity of and respect for law enforcement in South Africa. They remain committed to strengthen collaboration so that it is meaningful, mutually beneficial and most of all impactful in the fight against corruption, even in these most challenging times.

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