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**RE: NDPP SUSPENDED**

On Sunday, 23 September 2007, the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development called upon the National Director of Public Prosecutions (NDPP) to submit his resignation because she believed that there was a breakdown in the working relationship between them.

The NDPP indicated that he disagreed that there was a breakdown in working relationship, and that he was not prepared to resign because he did not believe that he had conducted himself in any way that warranted his resignation. Of paramount importance to the NDPP was that he must uphold the rule of law and the independence of the NPA.

Later on Sunday, the President informed the NDPP that he had decided to suspend the NDPP provisionally in terms of section 12(6)(a) of the NPA Act. The section provides that the President can suspend the NDPP pending the outcome of an enquiry into his fitness to hold office.

The NDPP indicated to the President that he accepts the decision. The NDPP is confident that any enquiry will vindicate him.

The President has appointed Adv Mokotedi Mpshe, one of the Deputy National Directors of Public Prosecutions, as acting NDPP until the outcome of the enquiry.

The management of the NPA has urged all members of staff to carry on with their duties and to remain calm. The management of the NPA is dealing with the challenges posed by the suspension to the best of its ability, and has expressed its support for the NDPP. It trusts that the enquiry will be conducted expeditiously and fairly.

## Statement by NPA Management

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