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MEMORANDUM

To : IEC CEO, MR Sy Mamabolo

From. : Party of Action (POA)

Date. : 28 May 2021

Subject: Elections Postponement

POA under any circumstances has huge amount of respect for IEC because impartiality and independence of this chapter 9 institution cannot be questioned at this stage. POA has always been demonstrating unwavering support to this institution.

In accordance with Chapter 2 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, under Electoral Commission (section 3 to 5), POA is in a good position to throw its weight behind IEC which is in its view is faced with misguided pressure from political parties in South Africa to postpone elections. This call (elections postponement) is pregnant with destructive actions to suppress political rights of the citizens. South Africa has been through a lot since 2016 local government elections. Citizens of this country are eager to make a change through ballot-paper. IEC constitutionally has a duty to safeguard these political rights of the citizens.



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POA which is not suffering from analysis paralysis has conducted comprehensive analysis on elections readiness by IEC and some political parties which have representation in National Assembly. Analytical findings are that IEC is on the verge of succumbing to pressure to postpone elections. Recent appointment of Former Deputy Chief Justice, Mr Dikgang Moseneke by IEC to determine if same IEC will determine if free and fair elections could be held raises eyebrows. It is not a secret that some parties with burning willingness to have elections postponed finger covid19 vaccination program as one of factors that could hinder free and fair elections. It is a lukewarm reason to consider when preparing for local government elections. POA firmly states that vaccination program is not a pre-requisite to hold elections. Politicians who moonlight as prophets predicting waves should not be taken into consideration. IEC ought to execute its functions unhindered.

POA is perplexed by statement issued by IEC that the door of possibility of elections postponement is open. POA today is handing this memorandum to IEC on account of its seemingly-derailing focus on delivering what is required by constitution of the Republic on the 27th of October 2021. POA is here today to categorically states firmly that should elections be postponed, the country may slide into instability due to "stolen voting rights". Everybody wants to live in a peaceful and corrupt-free country.



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POA has been preparing for 2021 local government elections since its inception, therefore it wholeheartedly urges IEC to remain unshaken to protect, uphold and defend political rights of the citizens. POA shall be very elated to hear from IEC within 14 working days.

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