



SOUTH AFRICA

Retired Justice Dikgang Moseneke
Johannesburg

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Dear Retired Justice Moseneke,

SUBMISSION BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION'S CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER TO THE MOSENEKE INQUIRY ON ENSURING FREE AND FAIR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS DURING COVID

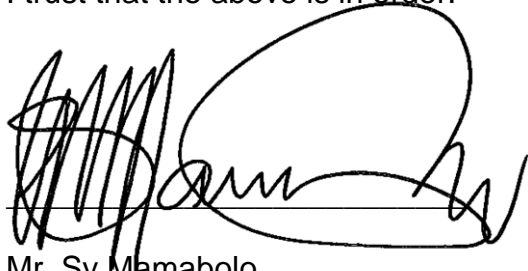
- 1 I refer to the above matter and advise that in terms of item 8 of the Proposed Timetable dated 2 June 2021, read together with the Terms of Reference for the Inquiry and Report on the Feasibility of Free and Fair Local Government Elections in terms of Section 14(6) of the Electoral Commission Act No. 51 of 1996, please find attached hereto the Submission, in my capacity as the Chief Electoral Officer of the Electoral Commission of South (IEC), together with the annexures thereto.
- 2 The salient themes traversed in the Submission are as follows:
 - 2.1 The IEC's authority to cause a report of this nature to be produced and published;
 - 2.2 A perspective on the considerations taken in making a determination on the freeness and fairness of an election and further, taking into consideration the novel context that the 2021 Local Government Elections will be held due to the Coronavirus pandemic; and
 - 2.3 A demonstration of the IEC's state of readiness to administer the elections within the extant constitutional scheme.

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I trust that the above is in order.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sy Mamabolo', written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Sy Mamabolo

Chief Electoral Officer of the Electoral Commission of South Africa

Date: 4 June 2021