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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **SA JUDICIARY REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO JUDICIAL PRINCIPLES**

The South African Judiciary reaffirms its commitment to the principles of independence, impartiality, dignity, accessibility and effectiveness of the courts.

The Courts, as provided for in our Constitution, exist to promote the rule of law and to uphold the supreme law of the country, the Constitution. The South African Judiciary has been, and will continue to be fearless in its approach to promote the rule of law and safeguard its independence.

The South African Judiciary further reaffirms its commitment to the doctrine of separation of powers – provided for in the Constitution – which vests the legislative autonomy in the Legislature, the executive autonomy in the Executive, and the judicial authority in the courts.

**Ends.**

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