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## **Media Statement**

### **MEDIA STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE INSTANCE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE ON THE SAD PASSING ON OF JUSTICE YVONNE MOKGORO**

It is with sadness that the Chief Justice, the Justices of the Constitutional Court and the whole Judiciary has learnt of the sad passing on of Justice Yvonne Mokgoro, a former Justice of the Constitutional Court.

Justice Mokgoro was involved in a car accident in April last year which led to her lengthy hospitalisation. Chief Justice Zondo was kept up to date by Justice Mokgoro's family while she was in hospital and was able to pay her a visit towards the end of last year.

Justice Mokgoro belonged to the first group of Justices of the Constitutional Court who were appointed in 1994 and who laid the foundation for the strong constitutional jurisprudence which continues to guide our constitutional democracy and for which the Constitutional Court is highly regarded internationally. She made an enormous contribution to our constitutional democracy for which the country will forever be indebted to her and her Colleagues on the Constitutional Court then. She retired as a Justice of the Constitutional Court after serving for fifteen years.

Justice Mokgoro's contribution was not limited to the contribution she made as a Justice of the Constitutional Court. Before her elevation to the Constitutional Court she was a professor of law and taught many lawyers who are still in practice today. After her retirement, she continued to make a contribution not only inside our country but also internationally.

Chief Justice Zondo said:

"We are deeply saddened by the passing on of Justice Mokgoro. I take this opportunity on behalf of myself, all my Colleagues on the Constitutional Court and the entire Judiciary, to send to the Mokgoro family, including her children and extended family, her friends and relatives our heartfelt condolences for the loss of



Justice Mokgoro. Justice Mokgoro served this country with distinction and absolute dedication. We will never forget her contribution to our constitutional jurisprudence. We will keep her children and family in our thoughts during this difficult time and give them all the support we can give them. May her soul rest in peace.”

***Issued by the Office of the Chief Justice***

