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MEDIA STATEMENT

CHIEF JUSTICE CONGRATULATES JUSTICE NAVI PILLAY ON NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

The Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa Mandisa Maya, on behalf of the Judiciary, congratulates Justice Navanethem “Navi” Pillay on being awarded the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her contribution to peace and international law.

Justice Pillay’s distinguished career reflects an enduring commitment to justice, human dignity, human rights and the rule of law. Her service in the South African judiciary, followed by her influential work in international justice, has contributed significantly to strengthening accountability and advancing the protection of fundamental rights.

Her achievement is a source of pride for South Africa and underscores the important contribution that jurists can make to justice beyond national borders.

Justice Pillay’s career offers an enduring example to current and future generations of judges of the importance of independence, integrity, courage and fidelity to the law.

The Chief Justice extends her sincere congratulations to Justice Pillay on this exceptional and well-deserved international recognition.

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