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## **Media Statement**

### **CLARIFICATION ON JUDGE PHAHLANE PRESIDING OVER CASES**

We confirm that Acting Judge President Ledwaba has laid a formal complaint against Judge Phahlane with the Judicial Service Commission (JSC).

The Acting Chairperson of the Judicial Conduct Committee (JCC) has referred the complaint, to the JCC, in terms of section 16 (1) (a) and (b) of the Judicial Services Commission act 9 of 1994 (JSC Act). The JCC will, after considering submissions by AJP Ledwaba and Judge Phahlane, then make a decision as to the further treatment of the complaint.

In the light of the referral of this complaint to the JCC both AJP Ledwaba as complainant, and Judge Phahlane as the respondent against whom the complaint has been launched, have been given until the 27th of February to make submissions for consideration by the JCC as already mentioned. It is also confirmed that now that the JSC is in full control of this matter, Judge Phahlane will not preside in any part-head matter until the JSC complaint process has run its course, in line with the bail conditions imposed in the criminal proceedings against Judge Phahlane.

**Ends.**

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