



MEDIA STATEMENT

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STATEMENT BY JEREMY MICHAELS, SPOKESPERSON OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO CRIMINALITY, POLITICAL INTERFERENCE AND CORRUPTION IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

The Commission confirms that Advocate Terry Motau SC has stepped down from his role as Chief Evidence Leader and has left the Commission on good terms. The Commission is grateful for the service Adv Motau SC rendered.

Adv Matthew Chaskalson SC has been appointed as Chief Evidence Leader.

The Commission will not be discussing this matter any further as it can only serve to distract it from the task at hand.

The Commission's priority is to ensure that it is squarely focussed on the job as outlined in the terms of reference, which is to conduct an inquiry into and make 'actionable recommendations' regarding the gravely serious allegations that South Africa's law enforcement agencies have been infiltrated and unduly influenced by criminal syndicates and drug cartels.

The work of the Commission is critically important for the rule of law in South Africa and we will continue to vigorously pursue our mission in the interests of the country.

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