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## **MADLANGA COMMISSION CLARIFIES RELATIONSHIP WITH SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS TASK TEAM**

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

The Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Criminality, Political Interference and Corruption in the Criminal Justice System, commonly known as the Madlanga Commission, would like to clarify, for the benefit of the public, that the 'Madlanga Task Team' or 'Madlanga Commission Task Team' (Task Team) is not a structure of the Commission.

The Judicial Commission of Inquiry was established by President Cyril Ramaphosa to investigate the allegations made by Lieutenant-General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi on 6 July 2025, whilst the Task Team was established by General Fannie Masemola, the National Commissioner of the South African Police Service (SAPS). The Task Team was established to follow up on referrals made by the Commission in its first Interim Report submitted to President Ramaphosa on 17 December 2025.

The Commission is making this clarification because, recently, there have been media reports to the effect that the 'Madlanga Task Team' or 'Madlanga Commission Task Team' has arrested certain people. This is likely to lead to the wrong perception that Justice Mbuyiseli Madlanga, or the Commission he chairs, is arresting people. The truth is that it is a SAPS task team that has been arresting people. Justice Madlanga is concerned by this possible perception, not least because the function of arresting people is at odds with the judicial function.

Following interactions between the Commission and SAPS, the latter has agreed that the name of the task team will be changed. The SAPS will issue further communications in this regard.

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**ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO CRIMINALITY, POLITICAL INTERFERENCE AND CORRUPTION IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

