



MEDIA STATEMENT

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STATEMENT BY JUSTICE MBUYISELI MADLANGA, CHAIRPERSON 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 regrets to announce that its hearings will not commence on 1 September 2025 due to delays in the procurement of vital infrastructure.

In the media statement of 20 August 2025, the Commission stated that the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development was in the process of procuring the Commission's infrastructure requirements that were necessary for the Commission to commence its hearings. In the media statement the Commission announced that its hearings would commence on 1 September 2025. It made this announcement based on unequivocal commitments made to it by the Department that the requirements would have been procured in time. Unfortunately, those commitments have not been met. As a result, it has since become clear that the Commission will not be able to start the hearings as scheduled.

But for the lack of the requirements that the Department has failed to procure, the Commission would otherwise have been ready to commence the hearings on 1 September 2025. Regrettably, the Commission is now left with no choice but to reschedule the starting date. What is most regrettable is that a substantial portion of the three-month period at the end of which the Commission is expected to submit an interim report has gone by without the Commission having heard a single witness. This is not of the Commission's making.

The Commission considers it best to fix a new date for the commencement of its hearings once everything that needs to be procured by the Department is in place. It also wishes to assure South Africans that it is doing everything within its power to ensure that the first witness will take the stand as soon as possible after everything has been procured by the Department.

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