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**JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF STATE CAPTURE,
CORRUPTION AND FRAUD IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR INCLUDING ORGANS OF STATE**

Media Statement

[1] The Commission has received media inquiries concerning its capacity. These inquiries appear to have followed after Adv Paul Pretorius SC, Head of the Commission's Legal Team, mentioned in the course of an application for the postponement of the hearing of Mr McBride's evidence two weeks ago that part of the challenges faced by the Legal Team was capacity.

[2] The Commission wishes to point out that, with the increase of the volume of its work, it has a need to increase its capacity, particularly, in regard to the appointment of more lawyers. Some lawyers have recently joined the Commission's Legal Team. Others have been identified in the recent past but it was found that they had conflicts of interest. The Commission has recently been informed by the Department of Justice and Correctional Services of new procedures to be followed in appointing lawyers.

[3] The Commission and the Department of Justice are in discussion to address this issue and other issues to make sure that the Commission's work

is carried out effectively. The Commission is confident that, with the necessary co-operation from all concerned, these issues will be satisfactorily resolved.

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