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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] Rule 2.1 of the Rules of the Commission obliges the Commission to regularly inform the public of the matters that will be covered by its hearings.

[2] In line with Rule 2.1 and in response to media queries, the Commission hereby confirms that in April 2019 it set aside 15 to 19 July 2019 as the dates for the appearance before it of the former President, Mr Jacob Zuma, in order to enable him to give his side of the story in response to the statements or affidavits and evidence of certain identified witnesses, including Mr Themba Maseko, Ms Vytie Mentor, Mr Nhlanhla Nene, Mr Pravin Gordhan, Ms Barbra Hogan, Mr Ramathlodi, Mr Fikile Mbalula, Mr Muofhe and for questions to be put to him on the issues or matters covered in statements or affidavits of those witnesses which relate to him or in regard to which he was referred to. It is contemplated that Mr Zuma would come back and appear before the Commission later in the year to give evidence on other issues or matters.

[3] Since 30 April 2019 the Commission and Mr Zuma's attorneys have been exchanging correspondence pursuant to the Commission asking Mr Zuma to furnish it with a written undertaking that he will appear before the Commission on the given dates. So far, the Commission has not been furnished with the undertaking. Mr Zuma, has among other things, insisted that he be furnished in advance with the questions that he will be asked on the witness stand before he can consider whether to give the required under-taking.

[4] The Commission maintains that Mr Zuma is not entitled to insist that he be furnished with the questions in advance of his appearance before he can consider whether to give the undertaking. It takes the position that it is enough that he has been told that he will be afforded an opportunity to state his side of the story in response to what certain identified witnesses have said in their statements or affidavits or evidence about him or against him or in regard to certain issues that relate to him and that the questions he will be asked will be confined to the issues covered in the statements or affidavits or evidence of those witnesses.

[5] The Commission is currently reflecting on the fact that, after six weeks since it requested that it be furnished with the required undertaking, it has not been furnished with the undertaking and will take such decision(s) as it deems appropriate in due course.

[6] The Commission is aware of certain views expressed or accusations made by Mr Zuma against the Commission but does not wish to deal with those here and prefers to confine itself to what has been set out above.

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