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HE Mr JG Zuma MP
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via facsimile

Your Excellency,

APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE

I received your request for my view on the suitability of Mr Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng for the position of Chief Justice just hours before the Presidency announced his nomination to the media.

I find it incomprehensible that leaders of parties represented in the National Assembly should be asked *ex post facto* to express their views in this regard. Rather than a consultation, this is being approached as a mere formality, which is all the more concerning considering the background to this appointment.

This has placed us as leaders in the invidious position of consulting through the media, for our views on Mr Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng will now be publicly debated. Regardless of what our views may be, I do not see how they could change the outcome of his appointment at this stage.

Yours sincerely,


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