

**THE HONOURABLE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**  
**PRESIDENT MATAMELA CYRIL RAMAPHOSA**  
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Our reference

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**“URGENT”**

Dear Mr. President,

**THE RIGHT2KNOW CAMPAIGN: URGENT APPLICATION FOR LIVE BROADCAST OF INTERVIEW PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS**

1. We act for the Right2Know Campaign (“**our client**”).
2. Our client is a voluntary association founded in 2010 and its objective, vision and purpose are, amongst others, campaigning for and assisting communities to access information held by government, or the private sector, that is necessary for the social, economic and environmental justice that they need. It supports the vision of a constitutional democracy that is open, accountable, participatory and responsive, believing that in this foundation, a society and an international community can be built in which we all live free from want, in equality and in dignity.
3. We are instructed that the process for the appointment of the next, permanent National Director of Public Prosecutions (“**NDPP**”) commenced on 5 November 2018.
4. We understand that your Office has decided that the interview process will not be open to the public. This is inconsistent with the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act No. 108 of 1996, section 1(d), of which declares that our democratic state is founded on the values of openness, responsiveness and accountability. Given the immense public interest in the permanent appointment of the NDPP, the

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decision to hold the interview process behind closed doors cannot be justified.

5. Our client has instructed us to demand that you confirm, **by 16:00 tomorrow, 9 November 2018**, that the necessary practical arrangements will be made for the NDPP interview process to be accessible by members of the public, including by live broadcast.
6. Failing this, we hold instructions to launch an urgent application to the High Court for the same relief.
7. We look forward to your urgent reply.

Yours faithfully,

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