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Cabinet Meeting of 23 May 2018

Cabinet met on Wednesday, 23 May 2018, at Tuynhuys, Cape Town

1. ISSUES IN THE ENVIRONMENT

■ Gender-based violence

- (GBV) Cabinet strongly condemns the violence against women and children. The most recent cases of Nonkululeko Mpanza and Nompumelelo Mhlongo in Thokoza, Ekurhuleni; Katlego Joja in Mamelodi, Tshwane; Promise Mthembu in KwaZulu-Natal; and Jabulile Nhlapo, the Unisa student, brings level of violence that threatens the lives of our women and children.
- Cabinet expresses its deepest condolences to the families and friends of these women and children. The issue of crime against women and children requires all of us to actively be involved in fighting it.
- Cabinet continues to strengthen lawenforcement agencies in the fight to stop GBV. Amongst the Bills approved in this Cabinet Meeting is the Criminal Procedure Amendment Bill of 2018, which amends the Criminal Procedure Act, 1997 (Act 51 of 1977). The Bill will extend the list of sexual offences in respect of the prosecution and significantly it will allow the sexual cases to go before courts even after
- 20 years. These interventions add to a number of measures that government has already

put in place:

- x 54 Thuthuzela Care Centres across the country have been opened to serve as a one-stop facility to reduce secondary victimization and reduce the time of finalizing sexual cases.
- x 75 dedicated Sexual Offences Courts to deal decisively with sexual violence against women.
- facilities for victims at police stations established by the South African Police Service countrywide to accommodate and assist victims of GBV

x 1047 dedicated

■ Child Protection Week • When: 27 May to 2

June 2018. Cabinet calls on parents, guardians and communities to work with law-enforcement agencies to protect our children. Cabinet reiterates that if you suspect your child is missing, you must immediately report to your nearest police station.



We must work together as a peace-loving and law-abiding society to tackle all crimes against women and children. Cabinet calls on those aware of any crimes against children to contact the toll-free Childline on 0800 055 555 or Crime Stop on 08600 10111. If you are a woman in distress or if you are aware of a woman in distress, the **GBV Command Centre's** toll-free number is 0800 428 428 or (0800 GBV GBV).

- Cabinet calls on all of us to work together to do more to prevent violence against women and children, support survivors of abuse and bring perpetrators to justice.
- It is the duty of everyone to report those who hurt, exploit and abuse women and children so that the perpetrators can be arrested and convicted.

Economy

- Cabinet welcomes the positive growth in employment of 206 000 jobs reflected in
- Quarterly Labour Force Survey released by Statistics South Africa • The upswing in
- by increases in six of the 10 industries. amongst our young
- the first quarter of 2018. Source: Latest
- employment was driven • The unemployment rate

- remains high at 52.4%, with an absorption rate of only 12.2%. Cabinet calls on sectors of society to continue to pull together to tackle youth unemployment.
- In the spirit of 'Thuma Mina – Send Me' inspired by President Cyril Ramaphosa in his maiden State of the Nation Address in February 2018, Cabinet calls on all South Africans, in particular the private sector, to help create jobs and invest locally so that

more South Africans

can be drawn into the

economy.

Energy

- Cabinet welcomes as a milestone the launch of the Xina Solar One Concentrated Solar Power Project in the Northern Cape.
- It is one of seven Concentrated Solar Power Projects under the Department of Energy's Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement
- Programme. The Xina Solar One plant will provide clean energy to Eskom under a 20-year power
- purchase agreement. This will translate into 95 000 South African households receiving clean energy especially during peak hours.



- Cabinet received a second report from the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) on North West and is satisfied with the progress in stabilising the province.
- In its previous meeting Cabinet approved that North West be placed under Section 100 (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa of 1996. Cabinet also increased the members of IMC with the Ministers of:
- x Public Service and Administration; x Human Settlements x Social Development

x Basic Education;

x Tourism; x Environmental Affairs; and

x Transport

- The IMC was asked to do further work in the province and advise Cabinet on which of the provincial departments should be placed under Section (1) (a) or Section 100 (1) (b) of the
- Constitution As a result of this work Cabinet has approved that five of the provincial departments should be placed under Section 100 (1)
- 1) Office of the Premier; 2) Department of Community Safety and Transport Management; 3) Department of Basic **Education and Sports**
- 4) Department of Health; 5) Department of Public

Works and Roads.

Development;

Five departments are to be placed under section 100(1)

(a) namely:

- 1) Department of Finance, Economy and Enterprise Development; 2) Department of Local Government and Human
- Settlements; 3) Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development:
- 4) Department of Social Department: and
- 5) Department of Tourism that the necessary correspondence be sent to the National Council of Provinces and that communication with the relevant stakeholders in

North West should take

 The investigative work of the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster will continue on all those matters that require the law-

■ International relations

to intervene.

enforcement agencies

- Cabinet condemned in the strongest terms the acts of violent aggression carried out by Israeli armed forces along the Gaza border which led to the deaths of a large number of civilians. Given the indiscriminate and grave manner of the latest Israeli attack, the South African Government
- made a decision to recall Ambassador Sisa Ngombane until further notice.
- Israeli Defence Force to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and bring to an end the violent and destructive incursions into Palestinian territories. Their routine actions present yet

Cabinet calls on the

- another obstacle to a permanent resolution to the conflict, which must come in the form of two states, Palestine and Israel, existing side-byside and in peace.
- Cabinet reiterates calls made by several member states of the United Nations for an independent inquiry into the killings those responsible accountable.

■ Cash-in-transit (CIT) heists

- Cabinet is deeply concerned by the resurgence of CIT heists and rejects this blatant criminality. We further commend law-enforcement agencies for their swift response in apprehending suspects and thank members of the public who assisted law enforcers with these arrests.
- Members of the public who may have prior information are urged to lend a hand and contact the lawenforcement agencies.

• It responds to the National Development Plan's (NDP) call for greater emphasis on innovation, improved productivity and more intense pursuit of a

- knowledge economy • The IP Policy Phase I is informed, among others, by the:
- x Constitution; \mathbf{x} NDP; x National Drug Master
- Plan; x National Industrial x various iterations of the Industrial Policy Action
- It will serve as an important policy instrument in promoting innovation, technology transfer, research and development, creative expression, consumer
- protection, industrial development and more broadly, economic

■ Ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Cabinet approved for

- the submission of the Treaty to Parliament for ratification. The Treaty is the
- culmination of a humanitarian initiative on nuclear weapons launched in 2010 • It is a strategic

intervention in the area

of nuclear disarmament and the long-standing impasse in multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations. • The Treaty is fully

disarmament policies, domestic legislation and international

■ Amendment to **Protection of**

- approved the Amendment to the Convention to be
- Physical Protection of Nuclear Material is the only legally binding international instrument in the area of physical protection of nuclear material. The amended

the Convention on the Physical **Nuclear Material** • Cabinet

obligations.

Matters

- The Convention on the
- aligned to South Africa's long-standing convention is an

Nuclear Security

important milestone in international efforts to improve the physical protection of nuclear materials and

 It covers among others, the physical protection of nuclear material in domestic

facilities by setting

protection.

common standards of

use, storage and transport, and the protection of nuclear materials and facilities against sabotage.

■ 10th International Conference of the **Ombud's Institutions of** the Armed Forces

- Cabinet approved the co-hosting of the 10th International Conference.
- Co-hosted by: The Office of the Military for the Democratic Control of the Armed Forces.
- · Scheduled for: October 2018 • This will be the
- first time that the international conference is cohosted in Africa.

3. BILLS

Medical Schemes **Amendment Bill of 2018**

- Cabinet approved for the Bill to be published in the Government Gazette for public comments
- The Bill amends the Medical Schemes Act, 1998 (Act 131 of 1998) to align it with the National Health Insurance (NHI) White Paper and the Draft NHI Fund Bill.
- The Bill seeks, amongst others, to improve the regulation of the medical schemes industry and to also align the regulatory framework to the changes that have taken place over the past
- decade in the sector This Bill will also ensure that beneficiaries are better protected and promotes better access to private health funding.

State Liability **Amendment Bill of 2018**

 Cabinet approved the introduction of the



Bill amends the State Liability Act of 1957. It provides for the settlement structure of claims against the State Bill of 2018

that came as a result of wrongful medical treatment of persons by

servants of the State This will provide for a reduced impact of lump-sum payments on the budgets of public hospitals

increase the financial resources available to provincial hospitals to provide healthcare

- Cabinet approved the for public comment
- publication of the Bill The Bill allows for the alignment of policies
- National Climate Change
- that influence South

the country's transition to a lower carbon and climate resilient economy This is an additional step in South Africa's

Africa's climate change

response. It will ensure

efforts to implement the National Climate Change Response Policy to promote sustainable development and fulfil the right to an environment that is not harmful to health or well-being, as enshrined in our Constitution.

■ Criminal Procedure

- Amendment Bill of 2018 Cabinet approved the introduction of the Amendment Bill, which amends the Criminal Procedure Act of 1977 into Parliament
- The proposed Amendment Bill will extend the list of sexual offences in respect of the prosecution and

for the charges to be instituted even after 20 years. The amendments give effect to the South Gauteng High court judgement in the Levenstein case

significantly, it allows

- The case declared Section 18 of the Criminal Procedure Act of 1977 inconsistent with the Constitution and invalid to the extent that it bars, in all circumstances, the right to institute a prosecution for all sexual offences, other than those listed in section 18 (f), (h) and (i) of this Act after the lapse of 20 years from
- the time when the offence was committed The amendments will allow the National Prosecuting Authority wider discretion to institute prosecutions in sexual offences in accordance with

Chapter 2 of the

economic benefits for

the people of South

Constitution.

4. UPCOMING EVENTS



■ Nelson Mandela Africa Day Centenary Lecture Delivered by: President

Conference, at

- Ramaphosa. Where: The Africa Renaissance
- Convention Centre in Durban

the Inkosi Albert

Luthuli International

- When: Thursday, 24 May 2018 The event forms part of the year-long centenary
- commemorations of the lives of our first democratic President Tata Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and Struggle icon Mama Albertina Nontsikelelo Sisulu, which are taking place

the globe.

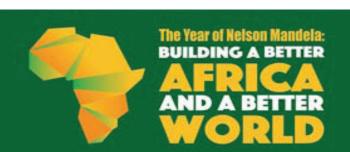
Africa Day • When: Held annually on

25 May.

 It is held across the continent to mark the founding of the then Organisation of African Unity – now known as the African Union – in 1963. It is a celebration of Africa's diversity and a call for unity in the

continent.

- South Africa is across the continent and celebrating Africa Day with a monthlong Africa Month festival of activities that are celebratory
 - Africa and the Continent The theme for Africa Month is: "A Year of Nelson Mandela – and educational, with **Building a Better Africa** political and socioand a Better World'



5. MESSAGES

■ Condolences

 Cabinet expressed condolences to the family and friends of the late veteran photographer and recipient of the National Order of Ikhamanga, Mr Sam Nzima, who used his camera to



apartheid rule. He will be remembered for his iconic photograph of Hector Pieterson, on 16 June 1976, which forced the world to take notice and act against the brutal apartheid regime.

family of **Dr Phillip** Nchipi Tabane, who passed on after a long illness on 18 May 2018. As a founding member of the Malombo Jazzmen, he was one of South Africa's most talented musicians.

Cabinet conveys condolences to the family and friends of Mr Sonwabo Eddie Funde, who was the former South

to Germany and Chairperson of the South African Broadcasting Corporation Board. Cabinet is deeply saddened following the deaths of **two** young girls who were

killed after a wall

collapsed in Durban.

condolences to their

We extend our heartfelt

African Ambassador

Congratulations

families.

who came seventh in the S. Pellegrino Young Chef 2018 took place in Milan. proud.



the first South African

to hold two major world

after winning the IBF and WBA juniorflyweight titles. **Enquiries:**

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government

■ Presidential State-**Owned Enterprise**

Council (PSEC) Cabinet approved the establishment of the PSEC to be chaired by President Ramaphosa. The broad terms of reference are to reposition the state-owned enterprises (SOEs) as effective instruments of economic

development.

• The PSEC will provide

political oversight and

strategic management.

- Amongst its focus will ${f x}$ strengthen the governing framework
- of the SOEs, and x ensure that the SOEspecific interventions are implemented to stabilise these companies. Membership of the PSEC will comprise

relevant

x Ministers;

x experts;

x labour; and

x civil society.

The names of the

will be announced at a later stage. The PSEC will build on work done by the IMC – SOE that was formed in February 2015, chaired by the Deputy President.

members of the PSEC

Intellectual Property (IP) Policy of the Republic of South Africa-Phase 1 Cabinet approved the policy which incorporates inputs

submissions and

representations.



 Cabinet extends its deepest sadness and condolences to the



International Boxing Federation (IBF), World Boxing Association (WBA) Super and the Ring Magazine junior flyweight champion Hekkie "Hexecutioner" **Budler**, who became

the newly crowned



