Cabinet met on Wednesday, 4 September 2019 at Tuynhuys in Cape Town

1. CURRENT AFFAIRS

Gender-based violence (GBV)

Cabinet joins the nation in mourning the killings, rape and abuse of women by men that continue to take place in our country. These horrific attacks on women reflect our collective failure to respond to the cries of the most vulnerable in our midst.

• At its core is the manifestation of a profound lack of adequate responses to the continued daily violation of babies, children, the elderly, women living with disabilities, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender/transsexual intersex and queer/questioning community and migrant

Minister of Police, General Bheki Cele;

Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Dr Naledi Pandor; Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation, Ms Lindiwe Sisulu; ▶ Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa-Ngakula; Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Ronald Lamola; Minister of State Security, Ms

Ayanda Dlodlo, ▶ Minister of Social Development, Ms Lindiwe Zulu; and Minister of in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Ms Maite Nkoana-Mashabane This committee will mobilise society as a whole against the phenomenon of GBV, and norms and beliefs that drive GBV while business leaders regularly update Cabinet and the public on its efforts to should address all forms of curb GBV. The committee will violence in the workplace and ensure that families and victims support our national efforts to eradicate GBV. Cabinet of GBV are supported. • Cabinet reflected on the believes that it is only when progress made on the society as a whole works implementation of the together that we can end GBV Declaration of the Presidential and the killing of women. Summit Against GBV and • Cabinet has made a call to the Femicide held in Centurion South African society to ensure on 1 and 2 November 2018 that the boy child is raised in to develop a national plan of a manner that respects the action against GBV. rights of all people, especially • An Interim Structure was women in society. The boy established in January 2019 child must be raised to know comprising representatives that women are their equals of civil-society networks and and not subordinates to be government departments. subjected to all sorts of abuse • A draft National Strategic that end up in them being Plan has been developed, killed. which is based on consultative meetings, which build on the adopted Declaration Consultations are underway condemns the recent across the country and will sporadic violence result in the envisaged National that erupted in some GBV and Femicide Council, parts of Gauteng and which will be provided with the KwaZulu-Natal. necessary resources to drive the anti GBV programme. • Notwithstanding that we • South Africa is a constitutional have enacted many laws democracy that is governed by to deal with incidences of laws and therefore, all peaceviolence against women and loving people should condemn children, we appreciate the such unlawful and unruly efforts that police and other behaviour in the strongest law-enforcement agencies possible terms. South Africa - including our prosecutors, welcomes everyone who enters magistrates and judges - have legally and abides by its laws. made to arrest and sentence No grievance can justify violent those responsible for these attacks on other people, heinous crimes. looting of shops, destruction of property and blocking of Cabinet calls on all roads, which are all illegal and sectors of society, criminal offences punishable particularly men, to by law. stand up against those • Cabinet is encouraged by who continue rape, the speed with which the abuse and kill women South African Police Service in our society. have acted in arresting 483 persons linked to looting,



• Churches and religious leaders should take a firm stand and use their leadership and influence in communities to build positive social cohesion against GBV. The media should actively contribute towards addressing harmful social

arising from allegations that foreign nationals get preference for work as truck drivers as opposed to South Africans in the freight and logistics industry. Government is currently conducting roadblocks with a particular

Employment Equity Amendment Bill

• Cabinet expressed concern at the slow pace of transformation in the workplace following the release of the **19th** Commission for Employment Equity report. The report shows disappointingly low compliance levels with the Employment Equity Act (EEA) 1998 (Act 55 of 1998) which is aimed at addressing the apartheid legacy of imbalances and inequalities in our labour market.

- In an effort to strengthen the EEA of 1998, government will be tabling the Employment Equity Amendment Bill in Parliament.
- The Bill increases fines for contravening the Act and makes it compulsory that

employers who want to do business with the government provide an employment equity compliance certificate.

Nation-building

 Cabinet joins South Africans in welcoming the Equality Court's ruling on the restriction

2. CABINET DECISIONS



of the display of the pre-1994 apartheid-era flag, which represents our divisive past. Cabinet supports the ruling that the old flag "impairs the dignity of black people and that those who display the apartheid flag consciously choose oppression

over liberation"

Symbols that represent the dark days of South Africa, especially the old flag, do not contribute towards building the united, nonracial and non-sexist society as envisioned in the progressive Constitution of the **Republic of South Africa** of 1996.

- Cabinet calls on all South Africans to promote and strive for a common national identity as enshrined in our Constitution. • The display of the old apartheid
- flag should be restricted to genuine artistic, academic or journalistic expression that are in the public interest.

3. BILLS

women.

• Cabinet has called for the imposition of the maximum sentence to the perpetrators.

Notwithstanding the fact that there is a high conviction rate (74%) of GBV and over 4 000 perpetrators who have received life sentences, more still needs to be done. One women killed, raped and abused is one too many

• The National Register of Sexual Offences (NRSO) will be placed before Parliament for consideration

for amendment to the Sexual Offences Act. These amendments will ensure that the NRSO is extended to cover offenders who have committed any sexual offence. The NRSO is currently limited to only individuals who are convicted and sentenced for violating a minor or an individual who is mentally disabled.

- Cabinet expresses its deepest condolences to the families and friends of Uyinene Mrwetyana, Leighandre Jegels, Nolunde Vumsindo, Meghan Cremer, Jess Hess, Ayakha Jiyane and her three siblings and all women and children who were brutally murdered by
- men. • Cabinet temporarily adjourned and released a delegation of Ministers from an ordinary sitting of Cabinet to meet with hundreds of protestors who had gathered outside Parliament to protest against GBV.
- Cabinet has also established an inter-ministerial committee that will work together with civil society to bring an end to GBV. This committee consists of:
- ▶ Minister in The Presidency, Mr Jackson Mthembu;



Public violence and unrest Cabinet strongly

public violence and destruction of property in Gauteng, and the 21 arrested in relation to the burning of trucks in KwaZulu-Natal. The loss of 10 lives – eight of whom are South Africans and two foreign

focus on trucks, and if drivers are found to be undocumented foreign nationals, they are immediately sent back to their country of origin.

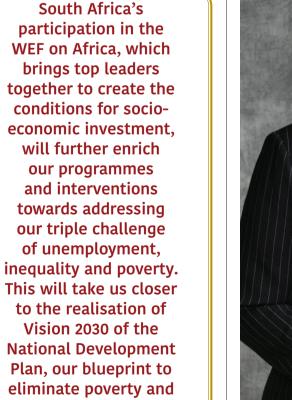
World Economic Forum (WEF) on Africa

 South Africa is hosting a number of state leaders as well as over a thousand regional and global leaders from politics, business, civil society and academia at the 28th WEF on Africa, in Cape Town from 4 to 6 September 2019.

• The theme of the summit, in which a number of stakeholders in the South African society and economy are also participating, is: "Shaping Inclusive Growth and Shared Futures in the Fourth

Industrial Revolution" • The WEF on Africa is fackling the issues faced by the continent by focusing on how to scale up the transformation of regional architecture

related to smart institutions, investment, integration, industry and innovation. The meeting is also addressing the African Union's Agenda 2063, the blueprint and master plan for transforming Africa into the global powerhouse of the future.



National Crime Statistics **Report for 2018/19** • Cabinet approved the release

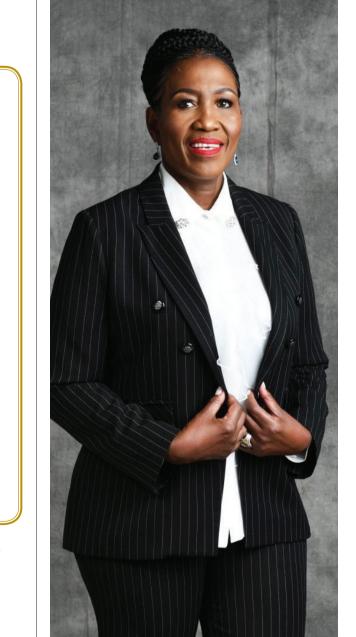
the National Crime Statistics Report for 2018/19. • The annual crime statistics enable government to monitor key targets, in particular

the reduction of reported serious crimes, as set out in the Medium Term Strategic Framework. They could also serve to strengthen the

crime-prevention operations and guide the strategies of various government departments.

- Minister Cele will schedule a media briefing to release the findings of the crime statistics.
 - Fishing Rights Allocation Process (FRAP) 2020 Cabinet gave permission
 - for the Department of Environment, Forestry and

4. MESSAGES





furthers transformation of

time frames will allow the

DEFF to fulfil all regulatory

requirements of the FRAP

undertaking research on

process, including appointing

advisory and scientific bodies,

fish stocks and implementing

socio-economic studies on

each fishery.

• family and friends of

veteran journalist, writer

and researcher, Mr Harry

Mashabela. In July 1976,

he was arrested, together

journalists in the country,

Act. He worked for many

publications, including the

Rand Daily Mail, The Star,

Drum and Financial Mail.

He was also the author of a

number of books including

the Townships of the PWV,

and Mekhukhu: Urban

• family and friends of

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African Cities of the Future

journalist and eNCA Director

journalist, Mr David Kekana.

of News, Mr Ben Said and

SABC sports analyst and

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Fisheries (DEFF) to revise time frames relating to the allocation process for licences in 12 fisheries. • Accordingly, Environment, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Barbara Creecy will shortly gazette the new time frames for the FRAP 2020 • Cabinet believes that it is essential the process is

process.

Judicial Matters Amendment Bill of 2019

- Cabinet approved for the submission of the Bill to Parliament.
- The Bill seeks to amend two Acts in order to address gaps identified by the Constitutional Court:
- ▶ The Divorce Act, 1979 (Act 70 of 1979) – the amendment by the Bill further regulates the division of assets and maintenance of parties in divorce proceedings in accordance with a judgment of the Constitutional Court; and
- The National Prosecuting Authority Act, 1998 (Act 32 of 1998) – the amendment by the Bill deals with aspects pertaining to the term of office of the National Director of Public Prosecutions and the Deputy National Directors of Public Prosecutions in accordance with a judgement of the Constitutional Court.

Condolences Cabinet sent condolences to the: • family and friends of Umkhonto We Sizwe Veteran, African National Congress Women's League member and pioneer businesswoman, Dr Thandi Cynthia Ndlovu, who passed away on 24 August 2019. The then Acting President David Mabuza declared a Special Provincial Official Funeral Category 2 for the late Struggle stalwart and freedom fighter. Dr Ndlovu received various awards throughout a distinguished career, and she continued to be a leading example to others, both in academic pursuit and as a leading businesswoman. She led an impeccable life as a political activist and a champion for women empowerment. In February she also witnessed the signing of the Competition Amendment Act, 2018 (Act 18 of 2018) into law by President Cyril Ramaphosa

his entire family, following the death of his mother, Mama Sina Sekeku Motsoaledi

Congratulations and well wishes

Cabinet congratulated the: • 31 players in the **Springbok** squad who are in Japan representing the country at the Rugby World Cup (RWC). We are confident that they will represent our nation with honour and pride, and wish them well in their quest to bring the RWC trophy home. • Ndlovu Youth Choir, whose

performance touched hearts across the world and earned them a spot in the finals of the America's Got Talent competition.

nationals as a result of the unrest in Gauteng – saddens	reduce inequality by 2030.
Cabinet. Cabinet expressed its	
deepest condolences to their	 Cabinet wishes all participants
families.	constructive and fruitful
 Cabinet also expressed its 	deliberations as they
concern regarding the burning	experience the warm Ubuntu
of trucks in KwaZulu-Natal	hospitality of our country.

The South African media industry has lost legends who used their journalism skills to inform the public and make South Africa a better place. Minister of Home Affairs, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi and

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