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**TRIBUTE TO THE LATE COMRADE JACKSON MVELASE FORMER
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The June and Andrew Mlangeni Foundation is saddened to learn about Cde Jackson Mthembu's passing and would like to express the organizations heartfelt condolences to the late Comrade Jackson Mthembu's wife, children, family, the community of Emalahleni, friends, colleagues in Government and Comrades.

Minister Jackson Mthembu dedicated himself in the student's struggles against apartheid during his formative years. The commitments he made as a young activists carried him through to be a significant player at the formation of the United Democratic Front (UDF), which was formed around 1983. Quite early in life of THE UDF he emerged as an organizer and an effective communicator. One of the tasks which he performed with excellence was to mobilise the churches around the course for liberation under the banner of South African Council of Churches.

The June and Andrew Mlangeni foundation is grateful that he worked very closely with Mme June Mlangeni who was working at the SACC ,at the time and she did not only mentor activists in the offices of the SACC but opened, her house as a shelter for committed activists like Cde Jackson Mvelase. Mme and Ntate Mlangeni's children consider Cde Jackson as one of their brothers.

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Our foundation fully identifies with the values that he stood for, Equality, Justice, Honesty and Truthfulness. Mvelase was a man of ethical leadership, values and principled. He publicly supported the establishment of the state capture commission chaired by Deputy Chief Justice, Mr Raymond Zondo. He strongly believed that the commission was the highest commitment of our country to fight corruption by holding each accused person accountable for any corrupt practices.

The June and Andrew Mlangeni Foundation expresses its respect to the giant of our movement who have gone home too soon .We say Mvelase you have fought a good fight rest in peace. Your name and works will be in the chapters of the Foundation.

Fellow compatriot your commitment to justice ,the culture of human rights , strengthening democracy , deep respect for your organization and the people of South Africa as well as the values of Ubuntu, transparency and accountable leadership, captures your legacy which followed on the footsteps of our gallant leaders like June and Andrew Mlangeni Foundation. LALA NGO XOLO MVELASE you have finished your race.

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