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**STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS
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KEY MESSAGES**

BRIEF:

President Cyril Ramaphosa will deliver the State of the Nation Address on 10 February 2022 at 7pm before a joint sitting of the two houses of Parliament, at the Cape Town City Hall.

The fire which engulfed Parliament destroyed the bricks and mortar but our democracy has always been about the people. Our nation and her people remain strong and the SONA is an opportunity to redouble our efforts to build a better tomorrow for all.

The State of the Nation Address sets out government's key policy objectives and deliverables for the year ahead, highlights achievements, flags challenges and outlines interventions to unlock development interventions for the coming financial year.

During his address, President Ramaphosa will highlight what has been achieved by the administration since his last address in 2021. He will also reflect on government's response to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, and progress on the Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan which puts the creation of jobs at the heart of our economic recovery

KEY MESSAGES	SUPPORTING STATEMENTS
<p><i>The State of our Nation is a call to action to rebuild our country and make it a better place for all South Africans.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State of the Nation Address is an annual message delivered by the President of South Africa to a joint sitting of the two houses of Parliament. • The State of the Nation Address charts government’s vision for building a more prosperous, united and equal South Africa. • The address is an opportunity for the President to update us on the progress that has been made since the last address despite the massive challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. • During the address the President speaks to political, economic and social issues and the general state of South Africa as well its relations in Africa and abroad. • The address is also a rallying point for our entire nation to work together on how we can turn around our economy, end gender-based violence and tackle the triple threat of poverty, inequality and unemployment.
<p><i>All South Africans are invited to be part of this important address.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government invites all South Africans to be part of the State of the Nation Address on Thursday, 10 February 2022 at 7pm. • South Africans can tune into their favourite television or radio station to be part of this national milestone. • Proceedings will also be covered via government and parliament social media accounts. • South Africans should also familiarise themselves with its content so everyone can contribute to our growth and development. • The debate on SoNA which follows shortly after the State of the Nation provides members of Parliament with a chance to respond to the address. • Members of the public can engage the content of the speech and make suggestions through social media, on issues people consider important for their well-being and those of their communities.
<p><i>We are rebuilding our economy from the devastating impact of COVID-19.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan which puts the creation of jobs at the heart of our economic recovery is currently being implemented. • The plan fast-tracks urgent economic reforms, removes regulatory barriers that increase costs, expands employment programmes, facilitates large-scale investment in infrastructure, and implements measures to promote localisation and trade. • Government is also working closely with financial institutions and multilateral development banks to find innovative ways of funding infrastructure investment. • Government continues to put the building blocks in place to boost our economic growth, create new businesses and industries, and ultimately create jobs, especially in the small and medium enterprise sector. • Although much work still remains, 2021 has seen green shoots of hope and renewal emerge and with it hope for a better future for all.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The country showed itself as an investment destination of choice, attracting some of the world's top businesses to expand their operations in the country.
<p><i>The fight against COVID-19 is not yet over.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 has not been eradicated and the risks are still very real. • We must continue to wear masks at all times, practice social distancing, and wash our hands regularly with soap and water or an alcohol based hand sanitiser. • We must also continue to be responsible and avoid large social gatherings, which carry a huge risk for transmission of the virus. • Our best defence against the virus is vaccination, and getting vaccinated has never been easier. • Simply present yourself at a vaccination site, even without an appointment where you will be registered and vaccinated. • Vaccines offer protection against COVID-19 and reduce the risk of serious illness, hospitalisation and death.
<p><i>Together we can build the country of our dreams.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through our combined actions we can eradicate the triple challenge of poverty, inequality and unemployment. • Every person has a role to play in ensuring that we create a better tomorrow for all. • Our country needs active citizens who are the bedrock of any democracy. • The strength of our civil society remains robust and our democracy remains strong. • Government is also pleased that South Africans remain engaged in democratic processes. • Together we can ensure that our representatives in both the public and private sector fulfil their obligations and live up to their oaths of office.