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FROM: AZAPO GAUTENG CHAIRPERSON

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SUBJECT: MEDIA RELEASE GAUTENG STATE OF THE PROVINCE ADDRESS 2024

Tomorrow the Premier of Gauteng will present the state of the province address. As anticipated it will follow on what Mr Ramaphosa recently said at the SONA. We expect nothing more than self-petting and delusional positive score card on the performance of the Gauteng government.

The annual feat has become a joke as we have in the past years experienced lofty promises with little achievement.

Gauteng government under the leadership of the ANC has failed to make good of the promises of improved service delivery, reduction of the RDP housing backlog, safe province, growing the economy to effectively address unemployment, poverty and inequality, development of township economies with particular focus on SMME DeDevelopment and reactivation of unused and dilapidated industrial centers in Garankuwa and Babelegi, improved and quality health services, effectively reduce load shedding and more importantly obliterate rampant corruption.

Instead, the province continues on its spiralling downward trajectory of:

- Poor service delivery. Communities exposed to contaminated water in Hammanskraal, watershedding including in areas where there was none, loadshedding etc.
 - Decaying infrastructure roads and road signs, water purification plants, sewerage, government buildings, railway lines.
 - Increased crime and criminality as evidenced by the recent stats released by the Minister of Safety and security. Failure to combat drug related crimes
 - Stagnating economy with more companies choosing to close down or relocating to other provinces
 - Poor health services with primary health care centers continuously lacking equipment and medicines to effectively service communities.
 - Failure to provide strategic leadership to Municipalities on effective coalition governments
- With most if not all Municipalities in Gauteng failing to deliver the much needed services to communities and tethering on financial collapse.

AZAPO GAUTENG calls on the citizens of Gauteng to be vigilant and demand from the Premier fulfilment of promises made in yesteryears rather than listening to a new wish list from a generally corrupt, uncaring and inept government.

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