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FROM: AZAPO SECRETARY FOR PUBLICITY & INFORMATION

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SUBJECT: SECOND INCIDENT OF VANDALISM OF THE AZAPO BILLBOARD

AZAPO is enraged by the second incident of vandalism on her campaign billboard situated on Queen Elizabeth Bridge in Braamfontein, Johannesburg. (see photo supplied)



AZAPO condemns in the strongest possible terms the failure by the SAPS in making positive headways on the initial incident of vandalism on the billboard that was reported on the 15th March 2024, notwithstanding CCTV cameras and a security guardhouse near the scene of crime. This nonchalant attitude by the police provides momentum to criminals to do as they please with impunity.

AZAPO is deeply disturbed by the attitude of the IEC, that recently invited political parties to the signing of the code of conduct, yet remains silent when acts of vandalism, intolerance and squeezing of political space happen under their watch. Other than acknowledging receipt of **AZAPO's** complaint filed on the 17th March 2024, IEC has done nothing about the matter.

AZAPO is committed to peaceful elections and appeals for a spirit of mutual respect, tolerance and fair practice during political campaign and actual elections. Conducts such as the second vandalism of the billboard tests our restraint and provoke our members who have to dig deep into their empty pockets to fund our elections.

AZAPO .calls upon the SAPS and their investigative ar to speed up the process of finding the perpetrators in the first incident and also start the process on this second one.

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