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FROM: AZAPO SECRETARY FOR PUBLICITY & INFORMATION

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SUBJECT: AZAPO STATEMENT ON THE SWEARING IN OF ZIZI KODWA AS MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, DESPITE CORRUPTION CHARGES

AZAPO views the swearing in of Zizi Kodwa, as a member of parliament - while facing corruption charges, as a further confirmation of the disrespect the ANC and their GNU cronies have on the people of South Africa.

It is a great mystery that Kodwa, who coincidentally is a close ally to President Cyril Ramaphosa, has been allowed to be an MP, despite facing corruption charges involving R1.7 million and currently out of jail on a bail of R30 000.

AZAPO is, however not shocked that the ANC have pulled a stunt of this nature, against their own 'Step Aside' rule - even other members of the ANC, such as Nomvula Mokonyane, Gwede Mantashe, Malusi Gigaba and others were fingered in the State Capture corruption saga. To date, the country still awaits their arrests and formal charges for the roles they have been accused of playing and acts implicated in.

Kodwa recently appeared before the Palm Ridge Specialised Commercial Crimes Court, he subsequently resigned from his ministerial position and yet the country is today sitting with the same person, as a member of its parliament - at the cost of the tax payers.

AZAPO views this tongue-in-cheek action as a dare, an insult and a clear middle finger stance to the people of South Africa, a loud message that they will never be viewed as people worthy of respect, from the politicians that have joined hands as a block government, to keep a decaying ANC in power.

While **AZAPO** acknowledges that the step-aside rule is an internal policy matter of the ANC, which requires members charged with corruption or other serious crimes to voluntarily "step-aside" from participation in party and government activities, or face suspension; we also recognize and highlight that the Parliament of South Africa, is not a stokvel of the ANC and their GNU cronies, meant to secure the personal interests of their friends and enablers.

AZAPO rejects Kodwa's comeback, with the contempt it deserves. We also take this opportunity to remind those whose votes have enabled Kodwa's comeback, that they are complicit of enhancing the continuous disrespect shown by the ANC to the citizens of AZANIA.

AZAPO declares that we shall not stand back in our defense and protracting the voices of the fearful and discouraged members of our society.

AZAPO further commits to standing up against the forces that spit on all attempts that seek to salvage what is left of our ailing country.

AZAPO will neither be deterred nor silent, as long as the dignity of AZANIA is prostituted by the very people who continuously claim to love our country and its positive development, yet do not walk their talk.

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