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FROM: AZAPO SECRETARY FOR PUBLICITY & INFORMATION

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SUBJECT: AZAPO CALLS FOR THE RETURN OF THE MONEY OF VICTIMS OF VBS MUTUAL BANK

AZAPO is calling upon all those who directly or indirectly benefited from the money laundering activities that forms the basis of Mr Tshifhiwa Matodzi's confession to immediately pay back the money. All individuals, organizations and political parties in particular ANC, EFF and the Communist Party must act magnanimously and return the money with interest.

AZAPO reiterate the fact that our struggle was borne on morality, justice and a deep-seated desire, compelled by some internal moral engine never to harm the poor and to restore the dignity of Black people.

The ANC, SACP, EFF and some individuals and entities may argue that they received "donation", "commission" or whatever benefit legitimately and legally, but the question, in hindsight, is, was that benefit morally justifiable? By the principle of vicarious liability, let all parties that received the poor's money accept responsibility. Putting all the legalese aside, we cannot with a clear conscience justify taking from the poor and elderly and denying them comfort and fruits of their sweat. The spirit of Biko, Mapetla, Dube, Sobukwe, Hani and many others call upon us to act and act correctly. ANC, SACP, EFF and all those who benefitted from VBS scandal **must** return all the money received, including interest. This is not, by any shot, an admission of guilt or liability but taking leadership responsibility and accountability.

AZAPO is appealing to the conscience of the ANC, EFF, SACP and all those who benefited from VBS Mutual Bank to get pricked. Let them do the right thing. Our high moral value demands that and expects nothing less.

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