



MEDIA RELEASE PSA supports fortifying of borders through new *Border Management Authority Act*

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the passing of the *Border Management Authority (BMA), Act 2 of 2020* by parliament as it will support stability and control at South African border posts. The *Act* will provide for the establishment of an integrated single border law enforcement to maintain accountability. Migration and immigration processes are currently not managed effectively owing to challenges experienced with the operational model.

The PSA, representing more than 240 000 public servants, strongly supports the fortifying of borders posts as such measures will assist in curbing criminal activities between countries, including human trafficking and drugs peddling. These security risks must be managed effectively and the movement of people in and out of the country must be controlled and monitored accordingly. At the same time, the PSA urges government to deal with corrupt elements and eradicate the corrupt activities at border posts. The agency should be able to conduct its official responsibilities without any interference and ill-treatment of officials who uphold the rule of law for better of all citizens.

The PSA, despite supporting the fortifying of border posts will, however, continue its efforts to protect the employment rights of the employees of the Department of Home Affairs, SARS, Agriculture, Police to ensure that they are not affected adversely by the introduction of the *Act*.

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