MEDIA RELEASE	**Public Protector: PSA welcomes Parliament's decision to appoint investigation committee**
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The Public Servants Association (PSA), the majority union representing employees at the Office of the Public Protector, welcomes Parliament's decision to appoint a committee that will conduct an inquiry into the Public Protector's fitness to run the Office.

The PSA has continuously been pointing out that Adv Busisiwe Mkhwebane is not fit to run the Office of the Public Protector and is ready with supporting evidence to assist the committee. Since her appointment as Public Protector, the image of the Office has been incrementally tainted. The PSA also appealed to President Cyril Ramaphosa to suspend Adv Mkhwebane from office as he has the power to do so. The Public Protector has constantly victimised PSA shop stewards for exposing irregularities at the Office of the Public Protector by subjecting them to unfair disciplinary inquiries. It has also come to light that the signatures of Investigators on Investigation Reports were revealed to individuals that were investigated. This has posed a serious risk to members.

Adv Mkhwebane's reports, amongst others, were successfully reviewed and set aside by the courts. In addition, the judiciary has made numerous scathing comments about her competency and lack of knowledge which is in question.

During Adv Mkhwebane's tenure, the organisation has undergone steady erosion and has run up a deficit of millions of Rands owing to her wasteful expenditure on frivolous litigations and irregular appointments, i.e. the appointment of a special advisor. The PSA again advises Adv Mkhwebane to do justice to the country and herself by resigning as Public Protector as she misunderstands her duties and is not fit to hold office to objectively carry the mandate of being the Public Protector.

The PSA appeals to the committee to speed up the process of Adv Mkhwebane's removal to urgently restore the integrity of the Office of the Public Protector.

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