

MEDIA RELEASE The PSA welcomes the extension of Madlanga Commission Inquiry

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The Public Servants Association (PSA), representing more than 245,000 public-sector employees, welcomes the announcement that the term of the Madlanga Commission has been extended to 16 November 2026. The Commission was established to investigate criminality, political interference, and corruption within South Africa's criminal justice system, including law enforcement, intelligence, the prosecuting authority, the judiciary, and correctional services.

The PSA has consistently emphasized the importance of the Commission's work in ensuring fairness, transparency, and sustainability in the public service. The extension provides an opportunity for the Commission to complete its mandate thoroughly, considering the complex challenges facing workers and the state. Without an extension, substantial portions of the Commission's work will remain unfinished, jeopardizing the integrity of its mandate. The PSA believes that the additional time will allow the Commission to engage more meaningfully with stakeholders, consider all relevant evidence, and deliver recommendations that are comprehensive and just.

The extension of its term reflects government's recognition of the importance of inclusive consultation and the need for comprehensive, lasting solutions. The current state of the justice system has taken a heavy toll on the morale of thousands of dedicated public servants, who continue to discharge their constitutional duties with integrity despite operating under extremely challenging circumstances. These workers deserve institutions that are resilient, transparent, and free from corruption, political interference, intimidation, and criminal capture.

The PSA calls on all stakeholders to support the Commission's work, as its outcomes will have far-reaching implications for the future of the public service and the justice system. The PSA remains steadfast in its mission to defend workers' rights, promote fairness, and contribute to a sustainable and equitable public service. The extension of the Madlanga Commission's deadline is welcomed as a necessary step toward achieving these goals, and the PSA will continue to support the Commission in fulfilling its mandate.

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