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**TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MR THEMBEKILE KIMI MAKWETU**

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1. The Chairperson of the Commission, the Deputy Chief Justice of the Republic, and the whole Commission would like to join millions of South Africans in mourning the unexpected passing of the late Mr Thembekile Kimi Makwetu, Auditor-General of South Africa at the time of his death last week.
2. Soon after the establishment of the Commission and his appointment as Chairperson of the Commission, the Chairperson had various interactions with Mr Makwetu relating to certain matters and Mr Makwetu pledged his full support for the Commission and continued thereafter to respond positively whenever the Commission approached him for information.
3. Mr Makwetu was going to testify before the Commission in the near future on the experiences of the Auditor-General's Office with various government departments and Parliament. In this regard Mr Makwetu had insisted that he personally wanted to testify before the Commission. To this end, the preparations for Mr Makwetu's appearance before the Commission were very

advanced. It is a matter of deep regret that Mr Makwetu passed on before he could testify before the Commission.

4. South Africa has lost one of its finest sons. The Chairperson and the whole Commission take this opportunity to send their deepest condolences to Mr Makwetu's wife, children and the whole extended family, the Office of the Auditor-General, his friends, relatives and the profession of auditors as a whole. In his honour South Africa must double its efforts in fighting corruption. Mr Makwetu will be greatly missed. May his soul rest in peace.



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