



**COUNCIL**  
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE  
SOUTH AFRICAN  
CONSTITUTION

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **Appointment of new National Director of Public Prosecutions**

The Council for the Advancement of the South African Constitution (CASAC) welcomes President Zuma's announcement of the appointment of the new National Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Mxolisi Nxasana, as well as that of Adv Vas Soni as the head of the Special Investigating Unit.

In responding to CASAC's application in the Constitutional Court for an order directing him to appoint a permanent head of the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), President Zuma committed to make the appointment before the end of August, a commitment he has now fulfilled.

However, the manner of the appointment reveals a flaw in the selection process leading to such a critical appointment. We have previously called for a more transparent process of making such key appointments so that the public is aware of the character of the appointee, and can be satisfied that they are indeed fit and proper persons.

We therefore call on the President to take the nation into his confidence and provide more information on the key strengths and attributes of Mr Nxasana that qualify him to lead the NPA. We believe that the support of the public and other role-players will assist Mr Nxasana to execute his constitutional responsibilities to strengthen the NPA and to prosecute without fear, favour or prejudice.

We wish Mr Nxasana and Adv Soni well as they take on the roles of leading these important institutions in the fight against crime and corruption.

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