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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **CASAC welcomes the dismissal of Bheki Cele as National Police Commissioner**

CASAC welcomes the decision by President Zuma to relieve Bheki Cele of his duties as National Police Commissioner following the report of the Board of Enquiry into Cele's fitness to hold office. The dismissal of Cele is also a vindication of the report by Public Protector, Thuli Madonsela, last year which found his conduct in respect of the lease agreements for police offices 'improper and unlawful'. CASAC urges the President to also implement the other recommendations from Judge Moloi's Enquiry, including a criminal investigation of Cele's actions.

The saga surrounding the lease deals has dragged the SAPS into disrepute in the eyes of many South Africans. Coupled with the continuing controversies relating to Richard Mdluli the levels of public confidence in the SAPS are depressingly low. It is a matter of urgency that public trust in the SAPS and the criminal justice system in general be restored, and that the trend of using the state security apparatus to interfere in political matters be halted.

We hope that the new National Police Commissioner, Mangwashi Victoria Phiyega, will move with speed and determination to deal with the crisis in the SAPS, and restore both the morale of police officers as well as public confidence in the police service. The fight against crime and corruption needs a focused, committed and determined police service supported by an active citizenry eager and willing to co-operate with law enforcement agencies.

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