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JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF STATE OF CAPTURE, CORRUPTION AND FRAUD IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR INCLUDING ORGANS OF STATE

Media statement issued at the instance of the Chairperson

- 1. In July last year the City Press newspaper published an article in which it stated that a BOSASA subsidiary, namely, GTS, had been appointed or contracted by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development to provide security services to the Commission. The article questioned how a subsidiary of BOSASA could have been appointed or contracted to provide services to the Commission in the light of the fact that over many years there had been many allegations of corruption made in the media against BOSASA. The article also alleged that procurement procedures were not followed.
- 2. Following upon the City Press article, the Chairperson undertook to look into how it had come about that GTS was providing services to the Commission and indicated that the Commission would inform the public once it had been established how this had come about. In the meantime GTS was stopped from providing security services to the Commission until such investigation as had been undertaken had been completed. The allegations made in the City Press article made it necessary to establish who had been responsible for getting GTS to provide services to the Commission and whether procurement requirements

had been complied with and, if they were not complied with, what the

explanation was for such non-compliance.

3. Communication between the Commission and the Department of Justice and

Constitutional Development was followed by a forensic investigation into the

issue instituted last year by the Department of Justice and Constitutional

Development. The Commission and the Department are agreed that procurement

procedures were not followed in regard to GTS but the Minister of Justice and

Constitutional Development will in due course inform the public in greater detail

of the outcome of the investigation.

4. After it was established that GTS was indeed connected with BOSASA, the

Chairperson of the Commission made the position of the Commission clear that,

in the light of GTS's connection to BOSASA and the fact that over many years

there had been continuing allegations of corruption against BOSASA, GTS

should not have been appointed or contracted or brought in to provide services

to the Commission while those allegations remained unresolved.

5. GTS is, as of now, no longer providing any services to the Commission and was

asked to remove its equipment from the premises of the Commission. GTS is

now taking steps to remove its equipment from the premises of the Commission.

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