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

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**MEDIA STATEMENT**

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26 January 2021

1. The Commission has noted certain media reports over the weekend which were to the effect that, before Mr Jacob Zuma walked out of the Commission proceedings on 19 November 2020 without the Chairperson's permission, he had a meeting with the Chairperson of the Commission, the Deputy Chief Justice, in the Chairperson's Chambers.
2. The Commission wishes to make it clear that the Chairperson did not have any meeting with Mr Jacob Zuma whether before or after his walk-out from the Commission proceedings. Advocate Paul Pretorius SC was also never part of any meeting with Mr Zuma.
3. If Mr Zuma had gone to the Chairperson's Chambers at the venue of the hearing before he walked out, this would have been captured on camera because he would have been seen going towards the door that leads to the Chairperson's Chambers. That is the door from which the Chairperson is always seen entering the venue of the hearing every day. If anybody watches the Commission proceedings of the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2020, they will not see Mr Zuma walking towards the door that leads to the Chairperson's Chambers.

Prof. Itumeleng Mosala

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