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THE INSTANCE OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

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The Commission has learnt with sadness of the passing on of Mr Frank Dutton who, until recently, served as one of its senior investigators. Mr Dutton joined the Commission as a senior investigator soon after its establishment in 2018.

Mr Dutton was one of the first investigators that the Chairperson of the Commission thought of when the Commission had to assemble its Investigation Team at the establishment of the Commission. This was because of Mr Dutton's reputation as a very good investigator who had been involved in the investigations of, among others, the Goldstone Commission where the Chairperson had met him when the Chairperson served in one of the Committees of the Goldstone Commission that was investigating violence on the South Coast of Kwazulu Natal.

Mr Dutton's reputation as a leading detective and investigator saw him being involved in international investigations in various countries on the continent and elsewhere.

Mr Dutton served in various investigations in Bosnia, Croatia, Kosovo, Nigeria, Uganda, Liberia, Mozambique and many other countries. South Africa recognised Mr Dutton's contribution to this country when he was awarded the Order of the Baobab in Gold by the President in 2012. Mr Dutton was a humble man and a dedicated investigator. The Commission was greatly enriched by his contribution to its investigations.

The Chairperson of the Commission said:

"I was very saddened to hear of Mr Dutton's passing on. He was one of the best detectives and investigators that this country has produced. This country benefitted immensely from his skill and dedication. Many other countries also benefitted from his experience and skill. We are grateful to Mr Dutton for his commitment to the work of the Commission. We shall miss him a great deal. On behalf of everyone in the Commission – his fellow investigators, the Commission's Legal Team and the Secretariat – I send our condolences to his wife, Vanessa, his children and the entire family."

The Commission thanks the family for sharing Mr Dutton with it and the nation and wishes them strength during this time. May his soul rest in peace!

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