



MEDIA RELEASE                      PSA welcomes call by President that the Government of National Unity will protect labour laws whilst reducing unemployment

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes President Cyril Ramaphosa's message delivered during his inauguration speech. Of particular importance was his focus on the severe unemployment crisis facing the country and his commitment to protecting labour laws while striving to reduce unemployment figures.

The President's call for an efficient and harmonised single public service is noteworthy. The PSA has repeatedly advocated for the professionalisation of the Public Service, emphasising the need to equip public servants with the necessary skills and training. Addressing corruption and the energy crisis, as highlighted by the President, is crucial for enabling public servants to perform their duties without hindrance and maintain productivity. The empowerment and protection of women in all spheres of society are of paramount importance. The PSA welcomes the President's commitment to this issue, recognising that women are among the most vulnerable in our society.

While the President's call for all citizens to display hope and resilience to ensure the country's prosperity and peace is commendable, the PSA is concerned about the Centre for Development and Enterprise's proposal that all senior public servants reapply for their jobs. This suggestion aims to eliminate cadre deployment and ensure that only suitably qualified individuals improve the public service. However, the PSA believes that requiring senior officials to reapply for their positions would have serious implications and contravene current labour laws. Instead, the PSA urges the government to focus on continuous training and development to ensure an efficient public service.

The PSA is confident that the Government of National Unity will lead the country forward, ensuring that all public servants are respected and rewarded for their hard work.

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