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PSA welcomes call for SIU to be given special protection when investigating high-profile cases

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes efforts and initiatives to provide protection for investigators at the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) to ensure that the SIU can execute its mandate without fear and interference by people with ulterior motives.

South Africa recently witnessed attacks on state institutions established by the Constitution to protect and uphold the rule of law. These institutions' continued efforts have now resulted in a threat to their safety.

The PSA therefore applauds the SIU for the efforts to ensure the protection of its employees and witnesses. The PSA, however, calls on the SIU to increase its capacity and ensure further protection for its employees to continue with investigations. There is an urgent need to increase the SIU staff complement to deal with the current volume of investigations and those arising from the Zondo Commission Report. This is a matter of national interest, but the lack of funds is hampering the speed at which these investigations can be concluded.

Government has continuously confirmed its commitment to root out corruption, which is contributing to poverty and prevents state institutions from providing basic services. These efforts are recognised but resources are required to ensure that this objective is achieved and with speed. The PSA is concerned about the budget allocated to the SIU and urges the Minister of Finance to make special efforts to ensure that the gains achieved are protected and that progress is made to root out corruption and rebuild the country.

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