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Subject: Memorandum of Solutions and a fight against Maladministration and Corruption within the Department for better service delivery and good governance.

Dear Minister: Dr Leon Amos Schreiber

First and foremost, let me congratulate you for your appointment as the country's new minister of home affairs, we want to assure you our support to your portfolio and the department without and political point scoring as we are apolitical and have no alignment with any political formation, ours as a movement is purely to fight for a peaceful and a prosperous country in which both citizens and non-citizens can live in peace and economic justice.

We the leadership of The HBT Movement for Peace and Justice after long research have decided to prepare this memorandum to also participate in bringing the much-needed and meaningful solutions with regards to challenges faced by documented foreign nationals who live within the borders of the republic of south Africa.

The significance of us drafting this memorandum is to bring to your attention the challenges that might be known or unknown to you, our members and supporters who are the citizens and documented foreign nationals have brought to our attention the complaints that are taking place at your department that makes them end up staying illegal in South Africa.

Here below we would like to indicate to you the following challenges and complaints faced by documented immigrants in our country.

- **Maladministration** - our members complain that most of the time when they apply for the renewal of their various documents get rejected even on reasons beyond their control such as officials attending applicants who pay to be assisted first.
- **Corruption**- officials would ask them to pay booking fee to them in order for the to be assisted even when they had to que all night long waiting to be serviced the next day. Others are required to pay exorbitant amounts of money in order for their documents to be renewed
- **Incapacitation** - most of the officials are deliberately under performing with an intention of delaying applicants in exchange of financial Favour for them to be serviced or else documents will expire and rejected.
- **Extortion** - once applications have been rejected applicants who cannot afford to bribe officials find themselves in a more vulnerable position as they will have to deal with the law enforcement officials who will also demand lessor bribery than the one demanded by the Home Affairs officials.
- **Impact of Covid19** - Most of the documented foreign nationals are currently in possession of expired documents due to lockdown, and their attempt to renew is almost impossible for most of them as they are told their documents have expired and they need to pay bribery they cannot afford and as a result put them in a position to be deported.
- **Under staffing** - due to high number of documented and undocumented foreign nationals in our country officials may feel over worked and end up seeing an opportunity to become corrupt.

Solutions needed towards solving the challenges faced by documented foreign nationals and improving services delivery to foreign national applicants.

1. Job creation - the department should employ more staff to help reduce the workload that officials are faced with.
2. Speed up the process of dealing with application to ensure freedom for all those who qualify to be in the country legally.
3. Pardon all those who could not renew their permits as a result of covid 19 lockdown.
4. By increasing more staff, we will see the reduction of corruption, fraud, extortion by both the Home Affairs officials and crime perpetrated by documented and undocumented foreign nationals in the Republic.
5. We will also do away with officials running the business of the department as if it is their own personal business such as selling ques at the Home Affairs for applicants to be properly assisted
6. By employing more staff service delivery at the department will improve and more revenue will be generated because currently as things stand most foreign national do no longer care weather their documents are renewed or not as long as they can bribe Police

officials because they have lost hope with the department because they at the same time know that the country does not have enough resources to deport all of them.

7. And for the undocumented foreign nationals we request the department to consider erecting refugee camps across all the 9 provinces of South Africa to ensure that everyone who is in South Africa is documented, we all know that the UN will assist in this matter.

8. We also urge the department to employ more immigration inspectors to ensure law enforcement officials on the ground do not harass immigrants.

Benefits of a best performing Home Affairs.

- **GDP Growth**- when everyone is documented there will be growth in our GDP and the department will be able to generate income based on services rendered.
- **Crime reduction** - most undocumented foreign nationals commit crime because they know it is not easy for them to be traced.
- Crime affects everyone citizens or not and some crimes will not be easily committed when everyone is documented in the country.
- **Reduction of bribery & Corruption** - when the staff of the home affairs are performing their task with integrity and honesty it will not be necessary for applicants to be paying unnecessary amounts to officials but rather to the state itself.
- **Peace, Social Cohesion and integration** - migrants will live in harmony when citizens they know that immigration services are doing their jobs properly. This will solve so many challenges such as xenophobic tendencies and slave wages.
- **Fake marriages and fraud**- once applicants do no longer find it difficult to get their applications expedited, we will not easily come across criminal actions such as fake marriages and fake documents.

Closing remarks

We therefore would like to inform the department that we are currently planning a march intended to take place on the 19 September 2024 to physically hand in the memorandum to the minister and to also demonstrate what is contained in this document.

We request the department to understand that we are not organizing this March to embarrass the new minister but to voice out the dissatisfaction of majority of the foreign nationals who do no longer enjoy being in the country the so much love.

Our marchers will be in possession of all their expired documents to demonstrate to South Africans that not all foreign nationals are undocumented and that they are here legally and want to do things legal and that should they find themselves in the wrong side of the law they can always be traced and apprehended.

The reason why we decide to take this kind of action is because crime in our country has risen to a point which if it is not thoroughly dealt with will be completely out of hand.

There is a widespread of discontent within our members and immigrants who are not our members with the kind of service they are getting from the department of Home Affairs.

We humbly request the department to accept our action as nation building and a corrective action in order to build a safe and better performing country amongst the best.

For a safe and a protected march, we will arrange with the City of Tshwane for a peaceful legal march.

Kindly communicate with Mr. Rollence Mabula to this email:

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with regards to the arrangement of the march intended to take place for the 19 September 2024, we will appreciate to get your response within 7 days.

Kind regards

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