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TO: The Minister of FINANCE
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MEMORANDUM OF DEMANDS TO ALLOCATE BUDGET TO THE DHA TO EMPLOY 10,000 IMMIGRATION OFFICERS WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT TO ADDRESS THE IMMIGRATION CRISIS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Dear Minister,

South Africans have raised ongoing concerns regarding the immigration crisis, including porous borders and weak enforcement. These concerns date back many years and have intensified due to continued inefficiencies within the Department of Home Affairs (DHA).

Our country has experienced social unrest, including the 2008 xenophobic attacks, and more recent community tensions. These issues persist due to lack of effective enforcement, corruption, and systemic understaffing within the DHA.

Our research indicates that the Department should have approximately 18,500 employees but currently has around 7,500. Furthermore, there are only about 800 immigration officers nationwide, which is insufficient to manage immigration compliance effectively.

This shortage contributes to unlawful employment practices, exploitation of undocumented migrants, and challenges in enforcing the Immigration Act. Law enforcement agencies also struggle due to the limited availability of immigration officers to verify documentation.

While we note the President's announcement regarding employment of labour inspectors, we emphasize that immigration officers are essential to verify legal status and support enforcement.

We are concerned about increasing community-led enforcement actions, which are unlawful and risk undermining the rule of law.

OUR DEMANDS:

1. Immediate budget allocation of budget to employment of 10,000 immigration officers on 5-year contracts.
2. Immediate employment of **TAX Collectors** to assist in revenue collection to fund the employment of 10,000 I.Os (Immigration Officers)

Economic Impact and Revenue Collection

We further submit that strengthening enforcement capacity through the employment of additional immigration officers will have a direct and positive impact on revenue collection and economic growth.

Currently, a significant challenge facing the Republic is the presence of undocumented individuals operating outside formal regulatory and tax systems. This situation contributes to:

- Loss of potential tax revenue
- Growth of the informal economy
- Unfair labour practices and wage suppression
- Reduced compliance with statutory obligations such as PAYE, UIF, and VAT

By increasing the number of immigration officers, working in coordination with labour inspectors and tax authorities such as the South African Revenue Service (SARS), the State will be better positioned to:

- Ensure that all individuals working within the country are properly documented
- Improve employer compliance with labour and tax legislation
- Broaden the tax base
- Promote fair competition within the labour market

This intervention will contribute toward improved revenue collection and support national economic growth' Objectives and It will also restore confidence in the rule of law and regulatory enforcement.

We request a response within 14 working days. We will return for feedback on 26 May 2026.

We urge the Department to act proactively and implement existing legislation.

Yours sincerely,

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