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Press Briefing Statement

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DEFEND SOUTH AFRICA (DSA) STATEMENT

Programme Director,
Members of the media,
Fellow South Africans,

In 2025, Defend South Africa led the "**Cyril Must Fall**" marches to the Union Buildings. We did so because we reached a simple conclusion: **this government, and its leader President Cyril Ramaphosa, are not fit for purpose.**

We marched because of rising unemployment.

We marched because of crime.

We marched because of corruption.

We marched because of economic decline.

And yes, we marched because of the growing crisis of illegal immigration.

Today, President Ramaphosa speaks about illegal immigration as though he has just discovered the problem. South Africans know better.

This crisis did not emerge yesterday. It developed under his leadership and under the watch of the ANC government. The same government that failed to secure our borders, failed to enforce immigration laws, failed to tackle corruption within Home Affairs, and failed to protect the economic interests of South Africans.



That is why DSA maintains that we cannot entrust the resolution of the immigration crisis to the very government that created it.

You cannot ask the architects of failure to become the engineers of success.

The President's address may acknowledge the problem, but acknowledging a crisis is not the same as solving it. South Africans are looking for solutions, not explanations.

For this reason, DSA reiterates its call for the resignation of President Cyril Ramaphosa. We further believe that the Government of National Unity has failed to provide the leadership required to address South Africa's challenges and should make way for a new, capable, patriotic government committed to national sovereignty, secure borders, economic growth, and the interests of South African citizens.

The immigration crisis is not an isolated issue. It is a symptom of a broader failure of governance. It is the consequence of weak leadership, poor policy choices, and a government that has lost touch with the realities facing ordinary South Africans.

Our message today is therefore the same message we delivered at the Union Buildings in 2025:

South Africa deserves a better government.

The battle should move from the townships to the Union Buildings!! The time has come for patriotic leadership, national renewal and political courage.

And that journey begins with the resignation of Cyril Ramaphosa.

Thank you.

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