



MEDIA STATEMENT

THE SABC RESPONDS TO DA's DEMAND TO BROADCAST ITS STATEMENT

Johannesburg, Wednesday, 08 August 2018-The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) is aware of the complaint by the Democratic Alliance (DA) to the BCCSA regarding the broadcast of a recorded statement by ANC President, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa on 31 July 2018. The content of the statement was the ANC's position on land expropriation as well as the economy. The Corporation also notes the DA's request and ultimatum that SABC News broadcasts the party's own recorded message regarding the two issues, by midnight 08 August 2018. Both the ultimatum and complaint were made in spite of SABC News providing a platform for the DA to express its views on the subject of the broadcast in question.

The DA filed a complaint against the SABC to the BCCSA on 06 August 2018, which the SABC responded to on 08 August 2018. The simultaneous pressure by the DA on SABC News to broadcast its material while a BCCSA process is underway constitutes two parallel processes.

The SABC has no intention of engaging in a dual approach in dealing with this matter, and will instead allow space for the BCCSA process to unfold. The public broadcaster urges all parties involved to allow the process to reach its logical conclusion.

In its fervent efforts to deliver on the public service mandate, the SABC wishes to assure the public of its commitment to providing news in a manner that upholds the constitution of the country, and applicable regulatory framework. SABC News remains firm and unrestrained in its commitment to deliver news content that is *Independent* and *Impartial*.

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