



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **SABC's RESPONSE TO THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE ZONDO COMMISSION BROADCAST**

**Johannesburg, Sunday 30 September 2018** - The SABC has noted media reports alleging that the Democratic Alliance (DA) has written a letter to the SABC Board Chairperson, Bongumusa Makhathini requesting that the Zondo Judicial Commission of Inquiry into State Capture proceedings be aired live on the SABC's terrestrial platforms, in addition to the current live broadcast on SABC News carried on the DStv channel 404. The State Capture enquiry is receiving extensive coverage across all bulletins, radio stations and television channels under the direction of the SABC's editorial staff.

The SABC programming decisions are governed by the SABC Charter, which enshrines the journalistic, creative and programming independence of its editorial staff. The Charter is constitutionally protected by Section 16 of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

The SABC will therefore continue to subscribe to its core editorial values of equality, editorial independence, nation building, diversity, human dignity, accountability and transparency and will not entertain any influence and/or interference which stand to threaten its independence.

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