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**ATM IS ALARMED BY AUDIO RECORDINGS SHARED BY PUBLIC  
PROTECTOR BUSISIWE MKHWEBANE.**

The African Transformation Movement is alarmed by audio recording of Mr. Skosana and the late Tina Joemat-Pettersson shared by Public Protector Advocate Busisiwe Mkhwebane at a media briefing earlier today on the 13th of June 2023 which were accompanied by Audio recordings.

Earlier this afternoon, after reading her statement at a press briefing, Advocate Busisiwe Mkhwebane played recordings between her husband Mr. David Skosana, and the late Tina Joemat-Pettersson. The recordings confirmed numerous allegations that have been levelled against the late Tina Joemat-Pettersson, ANC chief whip Pemmy Majodina and the chair of the s194 committee Richard Dyantyi

In the recording, the late Tina Joemat-Pettersson who was a former cabinet minister, member of parliament for the ruling party, and a member of the ANC's national executive committee, was heard repeatedly saying, "the Courts are with Cyril, the courts are with Cyril", suggesting that the judiciary was not impartial, instead held a favourable disposition of President Cyril Ramaphosa. And that statement coming from a member of parliament and a member of the ANC's national executive committee is too serious to ignore.

South Africans will remember that after the suspension of Advocate Mkhwebane was declared illegal by a court of law, the matter was then elevated to the Constitutional Court. Six months after that matter was heard, we still do not have a judgement from the highest court in the land, on a time-sensitive matter. By the time the judgement is delivered, it would have very little to no effect on the current injustice and the judgement would purely be for academic use. Having heard what the late Tina Joemat-Pettersson said about the courts in this country, one may be persuaded to believe that indeed her statement is true.

The late Tina Joemat-Pettersson also mentioned in the recording that the chair of the section 194 committee will prevent the Public Protector from giving oral evidence in an attempt to censor her in her own inquiry. And indeed, that was the case, just as the late Joemat-Pettersson had said, the chair of the Section 194 committee indeed prevented Advocate Mkhwebane from delivering her oral evidence. This then strengthens the credibility of the late Joemat-Pettersson.

Upon hearing the evidence as shared by the Public Protector earlier this afternoon, and the abovementioned points, the African Transformation Movement is calling for the suspension of the Section 194 inquiry looking into the fitness of the Public Protector to hold office, until these allegations of corruption and extortion are properly dealt with.

The suspension of the Section 194 inquiry should be accompanied by a full investigation by parliament in order to get to the bottom of these serious allegations against senior members of parliament.

These allegations by the Public Protector point to a bleak state of affairs in this country. These allegations supported by audio recordings, also point to systematic collusion between the three arms of the state, the executive under the leadership of President Ramaphosa, the legislature, and the judiciary.

When members of parliament and the executive, supported by some in the judiciary, deviate from their oath of office and act in their own interests instead of the interests of South Africans, points to a government that has become corrupt and self-serving.

And finally, The African Transformation Movement wishes to applaud the Public Protector for her commitment to truth, transparency, and a corrupt free ethical governance, against immense opposition from all three arms of the state.

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