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OF

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY, 8 MAY 2026

1. Members of the mini-plenary session met on the virtual platform at 10:00.
2. House Chairperson Mr C T Frolick took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.
3. House Chairperson Mr C T Frolick announced that the virtual mini-plenary sitting constituted a meeting of the National Assembly.
4. [10:02] Mr V Zungula moved: That the House –
 - (1) notes the latest developments relating to the ongoing efforts by the AmaHlubi nation to secure formal restoration as a legitimate and distinct indigenous nation within the Republic of South Africa;
 - (2) further notes the continued historical marginalisation, administrative exclusion and erosion of the AmaHlubi Nation's cultural identity and traditional governance structures, despite the constitutional protections afforded to traditional and indigenous communities;
 - (3) realises that the absence of formal restoration has contributed to longstanding uncertainty, internal contestation and social instability

within the AmaHlubi community and other similarly aggrieved traditional and indigenous communities;

- (4) understands that the continued non-restoration of traditional and indigenous communities constituting legitimate kingships is inconsistent with the constitutional commitment to restorative justice, social cohesion and meaningful reconciliation;
- (5) further understands that the suppression and fragmentation of traditional governance systems during colonialism and Apartheid constituted a systematic assault on the dignity, humanity and right to self-determination of indigenous communities, including the AmaHlubi nation;
- (6) recognises that sustainable peace, development and unity within affected communities cannot prevail for as long as legitimate claims to cultural heritage, traditional authority and identity remain unresolved;
- (7) regrets the historical injustices suffered by the AmaHlubi, including forced removals, the fragmentation of traditional leadership, and the erosion of cultural and linguistic heritage;
- (8) acknowledges previous decision the Nhlapo Commission (now Commission on Traditional Leadership and Disputes) on the matter of AmaHlubi, and the decision of the Gauteng Division of the High Court to dismiss the review application in January 2025;
- (9) believes that the Assembly has an oversight role to play in interrogating and dealing with systemic problems that may arise from the law or its application in dealing with such matters; and
- (10) requests the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, acting within its mandate, to –
 - (a) engage with institutions responsible for matters relating to traditional leadership and governance, and representatives of AmaHlubi and other similarly aggrieved traditional and indigenous communities, on the implications for their continued non-restoration as kingships, and
 - (b) report to the House by 31 March 2027 with recommendations on any policy, administrative, or legislative gaps.

Debate concluded.

5. [11:13] On the proposal of Mr C N Malematja, the House discussed the following subject: Accelerating support for small enterprises, cooperatives, and entrepreneurs in townships and villages by focusing on financial inclusion, infrastructure development, and regulatory relief.

Debate concluded.

6. The mini-plenary session rose at 12:38.

Xolile George
Secretary to Parliament