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PRESS RELEASE: AFRIFORUM LITIGATION DEFEAT AT CONCOURT

The Higher Education Transformation Network (HETN), hereby welcomes the court judgement by the Constitutional Court in the ***Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality v Afriforum and Another Case No 157/2015.***

We welcome the legal sanity and certainty propagated by the Constitutional Court on matters to do with local government transformation and eradicating historical racial and social imbalances. Contrary to promoting the interests of a unified South African society to advance economic prosperity and fight poverty, Solidariteit and Afriforum much like its political predecessors namely the *Konserwatiewe Party (KP) and Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP)* have played a nefarious divisive role in society by seeking to entrench the exclusion of blacks and perpetuating collective amnesia on all matters to do with correct past apartheid injustices.

We are pleased that the Constitutional Court has put an end to the reign of litigation terror unleashed by the nefarious Afriforum and Solidariteit on legitimately elected local municipalities. Afriforum has already perfected its racist nefarious strategy of insurrection and secession as evidenced by its recent court successes at Delareyville and Sannieshof towns in the North West where Afriforum/ Solidariteit successfully convinced entire white communities, consumers, shopping malls and residential estate body corporates to withhold rates from the Tswaing Local Municipality and instead pay state revenue into its own private bank account as evidenced in the ***Tswaing Local Municipality (Sannieshof Inwoners Belastingbetalers Unie (SIBU) v Tswaing Municipality, Case No 1498/09, North West High Court)***

The recent launch of Afriforum's "10 Days of Self Reliance" campaign was thus an attempt by the nefarious Afriforum to nationally spread its secessionary self-determinist campaign of encouraging white Afrikaans communities and consumers from paying rates and services to legitimate local government structures thereby leading to the collapse of local governance and chaos.

Afriforum has in effect commenced with the implementation of parallel services on the ground and is erecting its own private municipal infrastructure thereby undermining and sabotaging the implementation capacity of municipalities and central government to deliver services efficiently

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Under the guise of so-called “*community protection and community patrols*” the nefarious Afriforum has established its own armed self-defence units through the proliferation armed private security associations / community patrol groups through firms owned by Afriforum members and has successfully established “*gated communities*” where access to entire sections of white suburbs have been cut off from ordinary citizens in the name of safety and security.

The SA Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) correctly highlights that key community grievances sparking protests and community discontent is poor access to and/or quality of water and sanitation, housing, electricity, basic service delivery in general and inadequate responsiveness from and accountability of local governments.

The only way to stop the Afriforum onslaught in local government is for the new cohort of newly-elected Councillors to focus on service delivery matters, appoint qualified accountable staff, increase communication with affected communities, ensure a culture of payment for services for those who can afford, ensure a credible list of indigents (for free services) and ensure sound financial management of scarce state resources. Ends.

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