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LAW SOCIETY CALLS FOR SPEEDY RESOLUTION TO INQUIRY INTO SUSPENSION OF NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

'The Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) has noted with great concern the developments and media speculation around the suspension of the National Director of Public Prosecutions, Vusi Pikoli. We trust that the inquiry on this matter will be resolved urgently and in a transparent manner, as any delays in this process will impact adversely on the administration of justice in our country,' say LSSA Co-Chairpersons Henry Msimang and David Gush.

The LSSA urges Dr Frene Ginwala to ensure that the terms of reference for the inquiry into the suspension of the National Director are finalised speedily and the inquiry is completed as a matter of urgency.

The Co-Chairpersons add: 'In terms of our Constitution, the national prosecuting authority is one of the vital constitutional pillars of our democracy. It must exercise its functions independently without fear, favour or prejudice; as the suspension of the head of the prosecuting authority, and any effects it may have on the functioning of the prosecutorial services, could have serious ramifications for the rule of law in our country.'

Editor's note:

The Law Society of South Africa brings together its six constituent members – the Cape Law Society, the KwaZulu-Natal Law Society, the Law Society of the Free State, the Law Society of the Northern Provinces, the Black Lawyers Association and the National Association of Democratic Lawyers – in representing South Africa's 17 500 attorneys and 3 500 candidate attorneys.

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