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MEDIA STATEMENT

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SUBJECT: BBC MEETS H.E. PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA TO DISCUSS SONA AND OTHER BUSINESS-RELATED MATTERS

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The Black Business Council (BBC) held a courteous but serious meeting with H.E. President Cyril Ramaphosa as part of his consultations before the State of the Nation Address, taking place next week Thursday. The BBC made positive proposals for the SONA and are confident that H.E. will seriously consider the inputs.

The BBC got an undertaking from H.E. President Ramaphosa that future meetings with business will include all sides of business and that the engagements will be more regular.

The BBC also agreed with H.E. President Ramaphosa that the other operational matters that were raised in the meeting will be subjected to a separate process that will include relevant ministers, deputy ministers, director generals and other relevant officials.

H.E. President Ramaphosa re-affirmed the government's commitment in creating a conducive environment for business to operate and thrive.

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About the Black Business Council

The Black Business Council (BBC) is the over-arching confederation that represents black professional, business associations and chambers. The primary purpose of the BBC is to lobby government on policy related matters and to play an advocacy role where policies are in place in order to accelerate the participation of black business in the mainstream economy.