IN THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF CRIMINALITY, POLITICAL INTERFERENCE AND CORRUPTION IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

HELD AT PRETORIA

In the application of:

THE EVIDENCE LEADERS OF THE COMMISSION Applicants

And

AMABHUNGANE CENTRE FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM. First Respondent

DAILY MAVERICK (PTY) LTD. Second Respondent

MEDIA 24 (PTY) LTD. Third Respondent

And to

VARIOUS MEDIA HOUSES Further Respondents

In Re: **The application for the evidence of Dr N Sifolo to be heard in-camera**

RULING

At the direction of the Chairperson, and having regard to the rulings issued on 22 and 29 October 2026, together with the correspondence received from the Second and Third Respondents' attorneys dated 4 November 2026, the following ruling is made:

1. The Chairperson notes that the respondents have elected not to pursue further relief in terms of paragraph 2 of the ruling dated 29 October 2026 at this stage, while reserving their rights to in future seek access to the relevant documents and evidence after Dr Sifolo has testified.

2. The oral evidence of Dr N Sifolo shall commence in a public hearing of the Commission, during which the Evidence Leaders may question him on matters capable of being ventilated publicly, including with reference to the documents identified in Annexures A and C to his response dated 29 October 2026 and furnished pursuant to the ruling dated 22 October 2026.

3. In relation to the documents identified in Annexure A:

    3.1 The Evidence Leaders may use and refer to those documents for purposes of questioning Dr Sifolo during the public hearing.

    3.2 The documents themselves shall not be displayed, projected or otherwise made available to the public during the hearing.

4. In relation to the documents identified in Annexure C:

    4.1 The Evidence Leaders may use and refer to those documents for purposes of questioning Dr Sifolo during the public hearing.

    4.2 The documents, or the portions thereof identified in Annexure C, may, at the discretion of the Evidence Leaders, be displayed or projected during the public hearing.

5. Upon completion of the public portion of Dr Sifolo's evidence, his evidence shall continue *in-camera* in terms of Rule 4.2 of the Rules Governing the Proceedings of the Commission.

6. During the *in-camera* hearing, the Evidence Leaders may question Dr Sifolo with reference to the classified documents identified in Annexure B to his response dated 29 October 2026, together with such matters arising therefrom as cannot be ventilated publicly.

7. Attendance at the *in-camera* hearing shall be restricted to:

    7.1 The Chairperson and Commissioners;

    7.2 The Evidence Leaders;

    7.3 Dr Sifolo and, if applicable, his legal representatives;

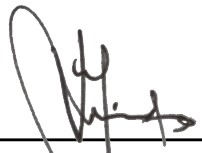
7.4 Members of the Commission's legal, investigative, secretariat and technical teams whose attendance is necessary for the conduct and recording of the proceedings; and

7.5 Such other persons as the Chairperson may expressly authorise.

8. The documents identified in Annexure B shall not be displayed or disclosed during the public hearing, and the evidence given in relation thereto during the *in-camera* hearing shall not be publicly disclosed or disseminated, unless otherwise authorised by a further ruling of the Commission or an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

DATED AT PRETORIA ON THIS 09th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026.

BY ORDER OF THE CHAIRPERSON



COMMISSION SECRETARY
DR N VUKUZA