



STATEMENT F13/2021

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CORRUPTION : WHERE IS THE CHAMPION'S KNOCK-OUT BLOW?

In a statement on 17 September 2021 the Presidency blew its trumpet on how well the President and his government fared in its battle against corruption. They are even called champions.

We at AMAGP are grateful for steps already taken to counter corruption. However, to be a champion requires a knock-out blow. Is it still lacking? Or are we simply missing it?

In the statement, amongst others, it is mentioned that the Mpati Commission was constituted by Mr Ramaphosa to investigate irregularities at the Public Investment Corporation (PIC) and to make recommendations in this regard. The PIC, a state corporation and as such under the President's control, is also the Government Employees Pension Fund's investment agent.

We are thankful for the work done by the Commission to expose irregularities, some of which AMAGP has complained about for years. Quite correctly comprehensive recommendations were made by the Commission to expose and bring to book those responsible, and to recover billions of rands lost due to corrupt transactions.

Pity that after almost two years since the release of the Mpati Report no visible progress is noticeable regarding the implementation of recommendations. If there is any progress it is being kept secret. The inevitable perception exists that the findings and recommendations have been swept under the carpet. Everything at the PIC is dead quiet – business as usual. No court action, no reports of arrests made by the Hawks. No information

pertaining to the recovery of money lost by the pension fund, pensioners and workers. IS THE PRESIDENCY AWARE OF THIS? WE ARE STILL MISSING THE PRESIDENT'S KNOCK-OUT BLOW.

We are now relying on the President to ensure that the recommendations of the Mpati Commission are executed.

Maybe the time is now ripe to address shortcomings in the Act on Commissions, 1947, by inserting an amendment to the effect that those involved be obliged to regularly report to the Presidency on progress made with regard to the implementation of recommendations made by commissions.

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VERKLARING F 13/ 2021

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KORRUPSIE : WAAR IS DIE KAMPIOEN SE UITKLOPHOU ?

In 'n verklaring op 17 September 2021 het die Presidensie die beuel geblaas omtrent hoe goed die President en sy regering gevaar het in die stryd teen korrupsie. Hulle word selfs kampioene genoem.

Ons by AMAGP is dankbaar vir die stappe wat reeds gedoen is om korrupsie te bekamp. **Om 'n kampioen te wees, verg egter 'n uitklophou. Ontbreek dit nog? Of sien ons dit net nie?**

In die mediaverklaring is onder andere genoem dat die Mpati Kommissie van Ondersoek deur mnr. Ramaphosa aangestel is om ongerymdhede by die Openbare Beleggingskorporasie (OBK) te ondersoek en aanbevelings te maak. Die OBK, 'n staatskorporasie en dus oorhoofs onder die President se beheer, is die Staatswerknemerspensioenfonds (GEPF) se beleggingsagent.

Ons is dankbaar vir die werk wat die Kommissie gedoen het om ongerymdhede oop te krap, sommige waaroor AMAGP al jare gekla het. Heeltemal tereg is omvattende aanbevelings gemaak om die betrokkenes aan die pen te laat ry en miljarde rande wat deur korrupte transaksies verloor is, terug te vind.

Net jammer dat in die byna twee jaar sedert die Mpativerslag vrygestel is, geen sigbare vordering met die uitvoering van die aanbevelings gemaak is nie. As vordering gemaak is, word dit geheim gehou. Die persepsie is onvermydelik dat die bevindings en aanbevelings onder die mat ingevee is. Alles is doodstil by die OBK – besigheid soos normaal. Geen daadwerklike hofaksies nie, geen berigte van inhegtenisnemings deur die Valke nie, geen inligting oor terugvorderings van geld wat in verliese deur die pensioenfonds, pensionarisse en werkers gely is nie. **IS DIE PRESIDENSIE BEWUS HIERVAN? ONS MIS NOG DIE PRESIDENT SE UITKLOPHOU.**

Ons maak nou op die President staat om toe te sien dat die aanbevelings van die Mpati-kommissie uitgevoer word.

Miskien het die tyd ook nou aangebreek om 'n leemte in die Wet op Kommissies, 1947, reg te stel deur 'n bepaling in te voeg om betrokkenes te verplig om gereeld aan die Presidensie verslag te doen oor die vordering wat met die uitvoering van aanbevelings deur kommissies gemaak is.

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