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MEDIA STATEMENT

To : All Media houses
Attention : Transport reporters / Editors

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Re: Minister Mbalula's preparedness to hold ongoing talks with NTA

On Wednesday 28 October 2020, the National Taxi Alliance National Executive committee, led by its President Mohanoa Francis Masitsa, held a cordial virtual meeting with Minister Fikile Mbalula, accompanied by the Deputy Minister of Transport, Director General and officials to discuss matters pertaining to the decision of the National Taxi Alliance not to participate at the National Taxi Lekgotla.

At the meeting, the NTA maintained its position that the NTA has not participated at the Provincial Makgotlas and will not be participating at the National Lekgotla pending the Minister of Transport levelling the playing fields by creating a climate conducive to a free, fair and equitable participatory environment for the NTA. The NTA maintained that it will not participate in a process that violets the freedom of association enshrined in the constitution of our country and seeks to deliver the taxi industry to the highest bidder. The NTA also raised serious concerns about the predetermined outcomes of the Lekgotla which seek to entrench Santaco as the apex leadership of the taxi industry and the dangerous intention to grant Santaco statutory powers symptomatic of referee and player scenario.

NTA further informed Minister Mbalula that it will continue with its legal action to get the Ministry of Transport and the department to respect the constitution on matters of freedom of association and to pray to the courts for an order compelling the Minister of Transport and the department to expeditiously release the taxi industry covid-19 relief fund without the industry being subjected to the impossible conditions which are not part of the relief fund, but an abuse of state resources to achieve certain goals.

The Minister and the NTA agreed to continue with discussions post the Lekgotla aimed at finding a solution to the current impasse between the two institutions and the NTA further committed to a regulated, formalized, empowered and to the unity of the taxi industry in diversity, subject to the processes being fair, lawful and constitutional.

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