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## **FW DE KLERK FOUNDATION WELCOMES RESIGNATION OF MALUSI GIGABA**

The FW de Klerk Foundation welcomes the decision by Minister of Home Affairs, Malusi Gigaba, to resign with immediate effect (as we have argued on 2 November). Amid mounting charges of having lied under oath, violating the Constitution and being found to be in contravention of the *Executive Members' Ethics Act* by the Public Protector, Minister Gigaba leaves Cabinet under a very dark cloud.

Minister Gigaba left a trail of destruction in his wake during his time as Minister of Public Enterprises, amongst other ministerial portfolios. Remedial action, at great cost to the country, is underway to repair the damage to virtually all State-owned enterprises that were led astray on his watch.

While many may wonder if Minister Gigaba jumped or was pushed, it would seem that a quiet “fireside chat” with President Ramaphosa over the weekend forced his decision. Even against this background it would be fortuitous to pause to ask President Ramaphosa and the ANC why this situation was allowed to escalate to this point and why action was not taken against Gigaba sooner. With allowing Gigaba a ‘graceful exit’ through a letter of resignation, President Ramaphosa should offer the same option to several other Ministers, and thereby rid the Cabinet of delinquent Ministers. We recommend the latter approach to hasten the task of rebuilding the country.

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