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To: **Honourable Angela Thokozile Didiza**
Speaker of the National Assembly
Per email: speaker@parliament.gov.za

And to: **Honourable Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane**
Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces
Per email: chairpersonsoffice@parliament.gov.za

Re: **Urgent request by the FW de Klerk Foundation for coordinated processing of the ERCP consolidated report upon tabling, to enable timely electoral reform before the 2029 elections**

From: Ms Daniela Ellerbeck
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FW de Klerk Foundation

Date **24 February 2026**

Dear Honourable Speaker and Honourable Chairperson

1. Thank you for your correspondence informing us that our letter of 5 February 2026 will be tabled in the Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports ("ATC") and referred to the Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs and the Select Committee on Security and Justice.
2. We appreciate that, as reflected [in the ATC dated 20 February 2026](#), the Foundation's letter has been referred to both Committees. We further note that the Electoral Reform Consultation Panel's consolidated report has been referred to the National Assembly's Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs for consideration and report. However, we note that the report has **not** been referred to the National

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Council of Province's Select Committee on Security and Justice and conclude that such referral will follow in the future.

3. In the above context, it appears that Parliament's chosen mechanism is a **coordinated, parallel process** rather than an *Ad Hoc* Joint Committee.
4. We reiterate that the coordinated involvement of both Houses at Presiding Officer level remains essential to safeguard the possibility of implementing substantive electoral reform before 2029, and to enable Parliament to fulfil its legal obligations.
5. To this end, the Foundation awaits your response regarding its earlier request (paragraph 12 of our letter dated 5 February 2026) that your offices please ask the relevant committee(s) to accord scheduling priority (to ensure meaningful public participation, deliberations, and interim milestones) and that reporting timelines be coordinated across both Houses which factor in demarcation-related timelines (including any potential legislative adjustments) so downstream institutions have sufficient lead-time to plan and execute a successful election in 2029.
6. Given the public's direct interest in both Houses meeting their obligations before the 2029 elections, the Foundation also requests the publication of the co-ordinated parallel processes between both Houses, together with the realistic reporting timeframe, in the ATC.
7. We reiterate that our intention is not to prescribe internal parliamentary arrangements. The Foundation seeks to support Parliament in ensuring that sufficient coordination and lead time exist for any potential reforms - especially those requiring boundary demarcation or legislative amendments - to be realistically implemented before 2029.
8. The Foundation remains at your disposal to provide any additional information or assistance that may support Parliament in giving effect to its responsibilities under section 23 of the Electoral Amendment Act, 2023, and the Constitution.



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9. We thank you once again for your attention to this matter and for your stewardship of a process central to the health of our constitutional democracy.

Sincerely,

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