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Dear Mr Joosub,

**FW DE KLERK FOUNDATION DISRUPTION REPORT: PARLIAMENTARY
DISRUPTIONS, OVERSIGHT AND PUBLIC COST**

I acknowledge receipt of your letter addressed to the President of the Republic of South Africa, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, dated 25 May 2026.

Thank you for your detailed research conducted on the financial cost and reputational damage caused by disruptions of National Assembly (NA) plenaries, as well as your emphasis on the important role played by Parliament in our Constitutional democracy.

As you are aware, the NA is governed by its own Rules, Procedures and Acts of Parliament. Rules and Procedures are regularly updated to deal with challenges and emerging disruptions.

In the case of the NA, it remains the task and duty of the Presiding Officers to apply and enforce the Rules, if and when needed. There must also be consequence management for disruptions by its Members in terms of its Rules and Procedures. Penalties for transgressions of the NA Rules must be applied and enforced.

As you are aware, two oral question sessions in the NA by President Cyril Ramaphosa had been disrupted, namely on 27 May 2025 and on 14 May 2026. We are awaiting feedback from the Speaker on what consequence management will be applied to those individuals who disrupted the said plenaries.

You are encouraged to share your research analysis on NA disruptions and the monetary cost of such disruptions with the Speaker of the NA and with the Secretary to the NA, together with your recommendations on the way forward in addressing this scourge, including recommendations of financial penalties for serious misconduct.

Alternatively, you may engage the Office of the Leader of Government Business (LOGB) on your research and recommendations.

In conclusion, disruptions of NA plenaries not only have financial implications for the Institution, but also have severe consequences for the image and public perception of the NA.

Your research conducted on the cost of disruptions of NA plenaries will create a greater public awareness of disruptions caused, over and above the financial costs of such disrupted oversight.

Your letter will be brought to the attention of the President.

Kind regards.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Gerhard Koornhof', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dr Gerhard Koornhof, MP

Parliamentary Counsellor to the President

Date: 3 June 2026