

## Press Statement

The National African Federated Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NAFCOC) notes the acceptance of the ANC's apology by President Jacob Zuma regarding oversights that might have been made over the Mnkandla matter. We further note both President Zuma and the ANC's acceptance of Public Protector's report as binding and their commitment to abide by remedial actions of the report.

It is our view that calls for the removal of the president are inconsistent with the law. Our robust democracy provides for constitutional removal of the President by Parliament if the majority of members of Parliament are in favour of such a motion. It is a recorded fact that the motion for the impeachment of President Zuma did not get majority support during voting on the matter in Parliament .

We would like to make an urgent call to South Africans of all walks of life to put their hands to work and unite for the common good of our nation. There is so much work to do in the face of deteriorating world markets and we need to purposefully join efforts as a nation to come out of this dark chapter of a limping world economy.

NAFCOC stands against calls for the removal of the President before the expiry of his term of office. This is unconstitutional. All those clamouring for the removal of President Zuma should be reminded that South Africa is a constitutional democracy that provides for the change of the country's president through the ballot . While protests are provided for in our democratic space, they should not be a vehicle to be used by a disgruntled few to work members of the public into a frenzy meant to destabilise the nation, further negatively affect the markets and make a mockery of our hard won freedom