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Dear Leadership of the Government of National Unity (GNU)

RE: REQUEST TO RELEASE THE GNU AGREEMENTS

I write this as a representative of the civil society organisation, My Vote Counts (MVC). We work towards a democracy where everyone has an equal say in the decisions that affect them. We also believe that the South African public should have access to all information needed to exercise their political rights.



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We write to you, as the leaders of the parties constituting the GNU. We further recognise the formation of the government that has been formed nationally, and the governments that have been formed in the provinces of Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, and the Northern Cape.

We commend the release of the GNU's "Statement of Intent". The document provides the public with important information about the GNU's vision, intentions, priorities, and plans. It is also crucial that the parties constituting the GNU release the agreement/s reached both at the national level, and the respective agreements in the three provinces, if there are indeed separate agreements.

We recognise that we are in uncharted political waters and that negotiations between GNU members are still underway, indicating that agreements may not yet be finalised. At the same time, it is in the interests of voters that the agreements are released as soon as possible.

The "Statement of Intent" is public, 'to ensure accountability and foster trust between the electorate and the political parties that form part of the GNU'. For the same reason, it is critical that the public and the electorate has access to the agreement/s expeditiously. Further, at the National Dialogue on Coalition Governments in South Africa, held in August 2023, there was consensus among political parties that such agreements should be made public.

If the agreements are still being finalised, we request that you provide an update indicating when they will be released. Alternatively, if some or all the agreements have been finalised, we request that these are made public by **30 June 2024**.

Kind regards,

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