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Dear Adv. Wassenaar

**RE: REVIEW OF CLASSIFICATION OF NATIONAL STATE OF DISASTER
RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND DECLARATION OF
NATIONAL STATE OF DISASTER**

Your letter dated 12 January 2022 in the above regard, bears reference

At the meeting of Cabinet held on 14 January 2022, it was resolved that the national state of disaster be extended to 15 February 2022 and the requisite Notice was published in the Gazette later the same day.

I would like to assure you that the National Coronavirus Command Council (NCCC) and the Cabinet during these meetings, carefully considered if the measures imposed by the disaster management regulations were still needed to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic prior to its decision to extend the national state of disaster.

It is also important to point out that relevant departments have embarked on a process to develop sustainable regulatory measures needed for the control of COVID-19 beyond the national state of disaster in terms of existing legislation administered by the respective Cabinet Members

A specific date by which the national state of disaster is to be lifted cannot therefore be provided at this stage but it is important to reiterate that all restrictions will be lifted and the national state of disaster will be terminated as soon as it is determined to

provide relief to the public, protecting property, preventing or combatting disruption or dealing with the destructive and other effects of the disaster.

This in effect means that I am not in a position to accede to your clients' demand to terminate the 'national state of disaster', or alternatively refuse to extend the 'national state of disaster', and withdraw all regulations issued under section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002.

I am confident that the national state of disaster will be terminated as soon as adequate measures to deal with the effects of COVID-19 beyond the state of disaster have been finalised.

Yours Sincerely,



DR NKOSAZANA DLAMINI ZUMA, MP
MINISTER

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