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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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ATTENTION: NEWS EDITOR/EDITORS AND PR WIRE

### **MEC MCHUNU CONCERNED ABOUT THE ONGOING KILLINGS OF PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES IN KZN**

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr Willies Mchunu has expressed his great concern on the ongoing killings of public representatives recently in KZN.

This is subsequent to the killing of two NFP members and ANC member in the South Coast in different incidents lately. Reports reveal that yesterday (09/07/12), Mr Mncube (79) who is Induna from Vryheid-Ngenetsheni had gone to collect his cows. It is alleged that when his family realised that he is not returning home, they went to look for him and found him dead with a wound in his head. No arrests have been made pending investigation, however a murder case have been opened.

In a separate incident last Friday (06/07/12) Mr. Nhlebela (NFP Chairperson) was shot dead in his car on his way to collect fire wood with his two children in Nquthu main road 16km away from Dundee. It is alleged that the killer escaped in a get-away vehicle. No arrests have been made pending investigation, however a murder case have been opened. The case is handled by the organised crime unit.

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Also ANC Regional leader Wandile Mkhize was slain outside his home in South Coast. Mkhize died in hail of bullets last Saturday (30/06/12) night after returning from the policy conference. Mkhize was laid to rest last Sunday at his homestead (KwaNzimakwe) after his last service at Sports and Leisure Centre in Portshepstone.

MEC Mchunu will be calling an urgent multi political party oversight Committee meeting to discuss these killings.

Mchunu has expressed his deep concern on these killings.

**“I would like to condemn these unnecessary and barbaric killings and further send my deepest condolences to the family members and friends of the deceased. This is truly an unacceptable behaviour and it will not be tolerated. We will fast-track the work and programmes of the Multi-Political Party Oversight Committee to address recent killings. Police will leave no stone unturned in investigating all this incidents. This is a warning to the suspects that the police will work tirelessly to make sure that they are brought to book. I would also like to appeal to all the political party leaders to make sure that they preach peace, stability and calmness to their members to avoid incidents of this nature”** said Mchunu

**ENDS**

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