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Seventh Administration Cabinet Announcement

NAPTOSA welcomes the announcement of the new cabinet by President Cyril Ramaphosa. This marks a significant step forward for our country. We are particularly interested in the portfolios of Education, Public Service and administration, Finance and Labour. We note the selection of the new Minister of Basic Education, Ms. Siviwe Gwarube, as well as the Minister of Higher Education Ms. Nobuhle Nkabane and look forward to seeing their leadership under the 7th administration.

Education is a cornerstone of our nation's future, and we hope that the new administration will prioritise infrastructure improvements, tackle the pervasive issue of overcrowding, and implement robust measures to enhance school safety, as well as build on the positives of the last administration. These steps are vital to ensure that every child, irrespective of their socioeconomic background, has access to quality public education.

The announcement of a diverse group of ministers is a positive indication of inclusivity and representivity in our government. We are optimistic that this diversity will bring a variety of perspectives and innovative solutions to the table, fostering a more comprehensive approach to national issues. The retention of the minister of finance is seen as a positive stabilising factor. We are not so much interested in the parties represented but rather that they are committed to Project South Africa.

As salary negotiations are currently underway, we hope that the new Minister of Public Administration, Mr. Mzamo Buthelezi, is ready to hit the ground running. It is imperative that these negotiations are handled with fairness and urgency, recognising the critical role that public servants play in the functioning of our society. We trust that Mr. Buthelezi will engage constructively with all stakeholders to reach a satisfactory agreement.

As a union that maintains a non-party political stance and, we extend our best wishes to the Government of National Unity. We commit to work with all ministries in the interest of Project South Africa. We trust that the new administration will uphold its commitment to serving the entire nation, transcending party-specific agendas. We look forward to a government that prioritises the needs and aspirations of all citizens, ensuring progress and prosperity for everyone.

NAPTOSA expresses support and optimism for the new cabinet. We urge the new administration to act swiftly and decisively in addressing the critical issues facing our education system and other public sectors. Together, let us work towards a brighter future for our nation.

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