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**MEDIA STATEMENT
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SIU REFUTES ALLEGATIONS THAT THE KZN PROCLAMATIONS ARE “DIRTY POLITICS”

The Special Investigating Unit (SIU) has noted with concern an Independent Media article that was published on Wednesday, 27 July 2022, under the headline: “SIU probe in KwaZulu-Natal ‘dirty politics’”.

The headline and the article are misleading the public and is not based on facts. Therefore, the SIU refutes, with the contempt that it deserves, the inference that that it is being used as a political tool by anyone. The SIU work independently without any fear, favour or prejudice. All our investigations are allegation based as we get the allegation from whistleblowers.

It is therefore very clear that we need to explain the proclamation process. When the SIU receives the allegations from the whistleblowers, it goes through a vigorous process of assessment done in accordance with the legislation. Once the SIU is convinced that there is merit in the allegation, we then draft a proclamation that is taken through the process leading to the signing of the Proclamation by the President as required by law.

It must also be noted that after the President signs the proclamation, the proclamation still have to be gazetted. In this case, these proclamations were gazetted on the 22nd July 2022. It is therefore concerning that, of the 14 government departments that the SIU has been authorized to investigate in the current proclamations; only four are in KwaZulu Natal (KZN).

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These investigations include the provincial department of health, like all other provinces, the KZN transport department, the Newcastle Local Municipality and the procurement of blankets at the KZN's South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) office, the article only singles out the KZN. We are investigating multiple government departments, institutions and State entities all over the country. KZN is not singled out in our investigations.

It is incorrect to link the need and duty to investigate allegations of corruption and administration to politics.

As the SIU, we have committed to the public that we will assess and investigate every allegation that is reported to the SIU without fear, favour or prejudice.

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ABOUT THE SIU:

The SIU is an independent statutory body with a primary mandate to investigate allegations of corruption, malpractice and maladministration in the affairs of government departments, municipalities and State Owned Entities, and to recover financial losses suffered by State institutions. The SIU was established in terms of the Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunal Act, Act No 74 of 1996 (SIU Act).

The SIU has powers to subpoena witnesses, bank statements and cellphone records, search, seize evidence and interrogate witnesses under oath. The SIU can take civil action to correct any wrongdoing it uncovers in its investigations.

Where criminal conduct is uncovered during investigations, the SIU will bring the matter to the attention of its partners Hawks in the South African Police Service (SAPS), as well as the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA)