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His Excellency President Cyril Ramaphosa,

As part of the civil society and faith based organisations, we want to make a meaningful contribution by building bridges in our communities. We seek harmony and equality for all.

It is with this in mind that we once again address you, this time with a heavy heart as we see how corruption and corrupt officials deprive the citizens from a dignifying life and a means to live a worthy life. Underscored by the magnitude of the corruption people go hungry and cry out for a sustainable livelihood. Through soup kitchens, food parcels and food vouchers we weekly reach out to the poorest of the poor with our limited resources we receive as donations from honest tax paying citizens.

We are concerned about the escalating crime and especially murders that devastate vulnerable communities such as farmers, farm dwellers and farm workers, elderly and vulnerable citizens who are violated in the safety of their homes, Gender Based Violence and racially motivated crime. These bring instability and tension with it, and it creates mistrust and disunity amongst the people.

Through ecumenical structures such as the South African Council of Churches we will continue to engage and voice our concerns for the sake of the people and the nation.

We continue to pray for peace, justice and good governance in South Africa, as well as good health and protection for our people.

We commit you to God's grace as you serve as leader of our beloved country.

Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika.

Yours sincerely as a fellow citizen and fellow Lutheran.

Gilbert Filter
Bishop