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The Speaker  
The Honourable Baleka Mbete

By Hand

Dear Speaker

**RE: PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO BE ESTABLISHED ON VOTE 1: THE PRESIDENCY**

In light of yesterday's Constitutional Court ruling which reinforced the critical oversight role that parliament plays, I respectfully request that you provide official directive to the Rules Committee of the National Assembly for the establishment an oversight committee in respect of Vote 1: The Presidency.

The Presidency as you know remains the only budget over which this parliament has no oversight and we as members of parliament do not have the benefit of interrogating the accounting officer as we do in any other budget vote.

The National Assembly is constitutionally bound to provide mechanisms for the exercise of oversight of national executive authority and organs of state, and it is my respectful submission that by not having an oversight mechanism in place for Vote 1: The Presidency, we are falling short of our constitutionally mandated obligation.

Yours Faithfully

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