**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**COMMITTEES ADOPT REPORT ON SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES FOR FILLING OF VACANCIES IN NYDA**

**Parliament, Friday, 16 July 2021 –**The Portfolio Committee on Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities and the Select Committee on Health and Social Services yesterday held a joint meeting to consider and adopt the report that was presented to them by the Sub-Committee on the filling of vacancies in the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA).

Following their resolution that the sub-committee must hold a closed meeting with the three candidates who received negative findings from the State Security Agency (SSA) screenings report last week, the committees received a report yesterday indicating that the sub-committee has indeed held a closed meeting with the candidates and reported that the three candidates were absolved.

This is premised on the advice that the reports are exempted from the strictures of section 10 of the NYDA Act No.54 of 2008, which comprise the disqualifications of candidates.

Presenting the report of the sub-committee to the joint meeting, the Co-Chairpersons of the sub-committee said the 17 recommended candidates are fit and proper to serve on the NYDA Board. Furthermore, the sub-committee holds the view that the recommended candidates understand the mandate of the NYDA and have demonstrated their commitment to South African youth issues. The committees welcomed the report and unanimously adopted it.

The report will be tabled in both Houses of Parliament for their adoption and then be sent to the President, who will appoint the seven candidates to fill the vacancies. Both the Chairperson of the National Assembly’s Portfolio Committee on Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities and of the National Council of Provinces’ Select Committee on Health and Social Services will present this report in their respective Houses.

Below are the names of the 17 recommended candidates that will be sent to the President for his consideration and appointment to the NYDA Board.

1. Ms Karabo Mohale
2. Mr Molaoli Sekake
3. Mr Mihlali Pedro Mzileni
4. Mr Lukhona Afika Mnguni
5. Ms Paballo Ponoane
6. Mr Kutloano Esau Rakosa
7. Mr Micarlo Malan
8. Mr Avela Mjajubana
9. Ms Lebogang Mulaisi
10. Mr Thabo Shingange
11. Ms Alexandria Syrah Procter
12. Mr Thulisa Ndlela
13. Ms Asanda Luwaca
14. Ms Busisiwe Cathrine Seabe
15. Ms Nomcebo Nkosi *(Person with a disability)*
16. Ms Nompumelelo Mpatha
17. Ms Pearl Pillay

 **ISSUED BY THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMUNICATION SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, YOUTH AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, MS NONHLANHLA NCUBE-NDABA, AND OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, MS MAURENCIA GILLION**