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Mr M P Mapulane, MP
Chairperson: Powers and Privileges Committee
Parliament of the RSA
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Dear Mr Mapulane

COMPLAINT AGAINST THE CONDUCT OF Mr N PAULSEN IN THE SITTING OF 02 MARCH 2021

I have received a formal complaint from the DA Chief Whip, Ms NWA Mazzone MP, with regard to the conduct of Mr N Paulsen MP during the sitting of 2 March 2021.

While I note that the Deputy Speaker as Presiding Officer on the day dealt with the disorder that ensued, and actually ordered Mr Paulsen and Ms P van Damme MP to leave the chamber, I am particularly concerned with the specific complaint about the threats allegedly made by Mr Paulsen.

I consider this complaint serious enough to warrant to be investigated for possible contravention of the *Powers, Privileges and Immunities of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2004* (Powers Act), which prohibits certain acts against Parliament and members.

I accordingly refer this matter for consideration and report in terms of Rule 214(1) to the Powers and Privileges Committee. I attach for your reference a copy of the letter of complaint as submitted by Ms Mazzone.

Yours sincerely

Ms T R MODISE MP

SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY