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The Honourable, Mr AM Masondo, MP Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces Parliament of the Republic of South Africa PO Box 15 CAPE TOWN 8000

Dear Mr Masondo

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION FOR THE APPROVAL OF A NEW PERIOD OF AMNESTY IN TERMS OF THE FIREARMS CONTROL ACT, 2000 (ACT 60 OF 2000)

In my letter, dated 19 May 2020, it was indicated that I will approach Parliament to consider a notice for the declaration of a further period of amnesty, as a result of the impact of the National State of Disaster, which was declared under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (Act No. 53 of 2005).

In my draft notice dated 21 May 2020, it is proposed that the amnesty commences from 1 June 2020 until 30 November 2020. Due to certain factors, the proposed dates of the amnesty, for which approval is sought, have changed and are now, from 1 August 2020 until 31 January 2021.

Attached hereto is the draft notice, dated 3 June 2020, intended for publication in the *Gazette*, should Parliament approve.

You are hereby requested to direct the draft notice to the Select Committee on Security and Justice, for consideration and a recommendation to the National Council of Provinces.

The Select Committee on Security and Justice will be fully briefed, both in respect of the need and motivation for declaring a new period of amnesty.

With kind regards

GENERAL BHICELE, MP MINISTER OF POLICE

Date