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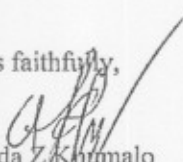
Dear Adhoc Committee on the green paper on National Strategic Planning,

There is a serious omission in the green paper without which none of the stated or unstated objectives of the National Strategic Plan could succeed. First, under the "Priorities" of page 12 of the paper, the priority of **ECONOMIC GROWTH** should be inserted as the very first and most important. Secondly a target must be stated, we suggest **7% economic growth per annum**. The strategic plan must then state what it is that government or the state must do to achieve that growth, the most important of which is to set up an enabling environment for business (all business – big, and especially medium and small enterprises, individuals or not) to thrive. It is business that creates the wealth that everybody is after, without a focus on the economic environment for business to thrive we will fall far short of any good target.

Without this priority and a plan to execute it fearlessly, no objectives of any strategic plan worth its salt will be achieved.

The Free Market Foundation is willing to do a presentation to the committee or the minister on the "Habits of highly effective countries", i.e. on what has to be done to achieve high economic growth, these factors are well known and are undisputable. It is well known what a "wanna be" successful country must do to succeed, South Africa need not reinvent the wheel or research on what to do, it is obvious, there is no need for more debate on this. We hereby offer our time to present to the committee – our motto is "Building a winning nation".

Yours faithfully,


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