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TO: MEDIA

RE: WITNESS PROTECTION UNIT UNDER INVESTIGATION

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The State President has issued a proclamation authorizing an investigation into the affairs of the Witness Protection Unit (WPU). The investigation was initiated by the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA).

This investigation will be conducted by the Special Investigation Unit (SIU). The investigation will look into among other things, whether or not:

- There is mismanagement of resources by staff members of the WPU;
- There is Public Finance Management Act compliance in the Unit;
- There is compliance with other requirements of the Witness Protection Act.

In keeping with this investigation, the NPA has consequently asked the Head of WPU, Mr Dawood Adam to take special leave immediately. The Head of Operations in the said Unit, Mr Ronnie Borchers has been suspended forthwith.

Advocate John Welch will take over as the Acting Head of WPU until further notice.

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