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To: Mr Themba Phiri

Ministerial ICT Policy Review Panel Nominations

I am Carol Mohlala and am a media researcher and the co-ordinator of the SOS Coalition whose vision is to help create a public broadcasting system dedicated to the broadcasting of quality, diverse, citizen-orientated public programming committed to the deepening of South Africa's Constitution.

The Coalition represents a number of trade unions including COSATU, CWU, BEMAWU and MWASA; independent film and TV production sector organisations including the South African Screen Federation (SASFED); and a host of NGOs and CBOs including the Freedom of Expression Institute (FXI) and Media Monitoring Africa (MMA); as well as a number of academics and freedom of expression activists.

Having a vested interest in the strengthening of the ICT policy framework being specifically focussed on monitoring, promoting and strengthening the public broadcasting sector, in particular, the Coalition welcomes this opportunity to nominate candidates towards the ICT Policy Review Panel, recognising that a strong and coherent ICT framework necessarily creates an enabling environment in which the public broadcasting sector can thrive.

It is against this backdrop that the Coalition wishes to nominate the following candidates towards the Panel:

- Professor Tawana Kupe;
- Professor Charley Lewis;
- Professor Jane Duncan;
- Nadia Bulbulia;
- Justine Limpitlaw;
- Jeanette Minnie;
- Libby (Elizabeth) Lloyd; and
- Joe Mjwara

All nominees' curricula vitae are attached. As you will see from these, all have extensive and wide ranging experience within the ICT sector with their respective research interests and professional capacities which include, among others, telecommunications, broadcasting, media policy development, and broadband, as well as a collective and individual commitment to strengthening and opening up these spaces and technologies to civil society. All of these uniquely position them as

core experts in ICT policy development and place them as ideal candidates in the constitution of this Panel.

Please see below for their respective particulars.

Please contact me if you have any further queries, or require any additional information.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a white background with faint horizontal lines. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'Carol Mohlala'. A horizontal line is drawn across the signature, and a diagonal line extends from the bottom left of the signature towards the right.

Carol Mohlala

Co-ordinator

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