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**LIFESTYLE AUDIT INDABA: “BUILDING AN ETHICAL PUBLIC SERVICE THROUGH LIFESTYLE AUDITS”**

Minister for the Public Service and Administration: Hon Ayanda Dlodlo,MP

Director-Generals

Heads of Law enforcement agencies and Representatives

Representatives of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Regional Officer for Southern Africa

Representatives of the World Bank

Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy Steering Committee

**Esteemed Ethics Officers**

It is an honour for me to welcome you to the Lifestyle Audit Indaba hosted by the Department of Public Service and Administration. All forms of corruption by public officials must be vehemently fought. One of the strategies created to fight corruption is the ethics infrastructure, which is in the form of ethics officers and ethics committees as governed by Public Service Regulations.

The focus for this Indaba is on the work of Ethics Officers. This Indaba, must in the first place acknowledge the good work that is done by ethics officers as part of the fight back strategy. You are not alone in execution of this daunting task. Know that government as a whole, is committed to providing the necessary support to make your work implementable. We stand by you. We appreciate the crucial work carried out by Ethics

Officers towards eradication of corruption in Public Service. Your dedication to the work cut out for you will step up public service adherence to norms and standards as set out in public service regulations. This in a nutshell is what we refer to as ethics management geared towards positively influencing Public Service culture.

Programme Director, Ethics Officers were instrumental in the execution numerous surveys including Public Sector Ethics Survey, conducted by The Ethics Institute, funded by the Canadian Government. This survey assessed the ethics risks prevalent in the three spheres of government. I have been informed about the intension to use the survey outcome to inform departmental ethics management strategies and plans. It is envisaged that this will mitigate the ethics and corruption risks. The outcome of the survey may also provide the Department of Public Service and Administration with an independent assessment of the progress made by national and provincial departments in implementing ethics policies.

**Minister and esteemed guests,** fighting corruption remains a priority of the Government of the Republic of South Africa. The 2022 State of the Nation Address by President Cyril Matamela Ramaphosa reiterated that Government is taking decisive steps to expose and punish corrupt activities and to restore a professional and effective public service. The Department of Public Service and Administration actively contributes towards these steps, by addressing Priority 1 of the Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF): “Building a capable, ethical and developmental State”.

The Department of Public Service and Administration actively contributes through initiatives, aimed at: professionalization, modernisation and optimisation of the Public Service; but also by setting ethics, integrity, and

anti-corruption norms and standards in the fight against corruption. This is to build an ethical Public Service, which includes the adoption of lifestyle audits as an anti-corruption tool.

Through this Indaba, we also seek to bring together key stakeholders involved in the fight against corruption to show Government's commitment to this fight, but also to show support to the Ethics Officers tasked with implementing lifestyle reviews in their respective departments.

**Minister and esteemed guests,**

I am confident that by working together, we can not only effect a positive change in our national and provincial departments, but also in our society at large. By working together, we can plan better, and do better in discharging our responsibilities to the Constitution, the National Development Plan, Government's Medium-Term Strategic Framework, and – most importantly – to the citizens of our country.

I thank you.