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**Scorpions: Concourt finding welcomed - CDP**

“The Constitutional Court ruling that the legislation disbanding the Scorpions is essentially unconstitutional and that the unit’s successor, the Hawks, was not given sufficient independence, means that the ANC was wrong in its constitutional assessment, and that the opposition parties were right,” says Christian Democratic Party spokesperson for constitutional affairs, Richard Botha.

“One shudders at the thought of other legislation, clearly unconstitutional, government tried to place on the statute book such as on expropriation. We trust that the principles underlying the Scorpions will soon be restored, in order for the country’s battle against corruption and organised crime to be conducted without fear of political interference. We appeal to government not to drag feet by using the entire 18 months granted by the court to meet constitutional obligations. The country simply can not afford this.:

“We further trust that with independence restored, the arms deal will now at last be properly investigated and concluded, so that this albatross can also eventually be put to rest.”

**Skerpioene: grondwethof-uitspraak verwelkom - CDP**

“Die Grondwetlike Hof se beslissing dat die wetgewing om die Skerpioene te ontbind in wese ongrondwetlik is, en dat die eenheid se opvolger, die Valke nie genoegsaam onafhanklik is nie, beteken die ANC was verkeerd in sy grondwetlike uitleg, en die opposisiepartye was reg,” aldus die Christen-Demokratiese Party se woordvoerder oor grondwetlike sake, Richard Botha.

“Dit laat ‘n mens ril oor die ander kere wat die regering wetgewing probeer deurvoer, soos oor onteiening, wat ooglopend ongrondwetlik is. Ons vertrou dat die beginsels onderliggend aan die Skerpioene gou herstel sal wees, sodat die land sy stryd teen korrupsie en georganiseerde misdaad doeltreffend en vry van politieke inmenging sal kan volvoer. Ons doen ‘n beroep op die regering om nie voete te sleep deur die ganse 18 maande te wag vir wat die hof gegun het nie, om aan grondwetlike vereistes te voldoen. Die land kan dit eenvoudig nie bekostig nie. “

“En ons vertrou, dat met die onafhanklikheid herstel, die wapenskandaal nou eens vir altyd behoorlik ondersoek en afgehandel sal word, sodat hierdie albatros om die nek kan koers kry.”