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**Mini-begroting: Gee inhoud aan bekpraatjies**

“Ons verwelkom die Minister van Finansies se ondernemings dat vrugtelose en luukse uitgawes aan bande gelê gaan word, asook dat korrupsie vasgevat sal word om die land in staat te stel om kop bo water te hou. Ons hou duime vas dat daad die keer by die woord gevoeg sal word,” sê die leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP), ds. Theunis Botha.

“Dit is egter noodsaaklik dat almal – ook die bestuur van semi-staatsinstellings ook moet inval en ‘n voorbeeld stel. So lank as wat die publiek ‘n persepsie het dat daar ‘n plunderende eietydse Mandarynse elite is wat die ekonomiese lewe uit die land suig, so lank sal spanning oplaai en speelruimte aan politieke opportuniste soos Julius Malema bied. En hoe minder die wêreld en die land van Malema sien of hoor, hoe ‘n beter kans staan die ekonomie om te herstel. Daar is eenvoudig nie ‘n kans dat die ekonomie kan herstel en dat Malema op die huidige trant kan voortgaan nie. Dit is eengeen se raaiskoot hoeveel beleggingskade Malema die land al berokken het.

“Ons verwelkom die minister se aankondiging dat meer aandag aan die bevordering van medium-grootte ondernemings geskenk kan word, en sal baie graag meer besonderhede oor die planne wil verneem.

“Ons doen ‘n beroep op Minister Trevor Manuel dat sy beplanningskommissie ook ‘n moraliteitshoofstuk in die plan vir ekonomiese herstel in te bou, soos wat baie ander lande gedoen het.”

**Mini-budget: Practice what you preach**

“We welcome the Minister of Finance’s undertaking to curb wasteful and extravagant expenditure, as well as to deal with corruption and so assist the country in making ends meet,” says Christian Democratic Party (CDP) leader, Rev. Theunis Botha. “We trust that all these good intentions will this time translate into practical results.

“It is however vital that all – including management of parastatals and ministers, should do contribute by doing likewise and so set the example. As long as the public have a perception that a contemporary Mandarin elite is sucking the life out of the country’s economy, tensions will build up and political rogues such as Julius Malema will have an audience. The less the world and the country see and hear of Malema, the better for the South African economy. It is anyone’s guess what Malema has cost the country in terms of lost investment.

“We welcome the minister’s announcement that more focus will be placed on the development of medium sized businesses and we eagerly await the details on how this will be achieved.

“We recommend that Minister Trevor Manuel’s planning commission also includes a chapter on morality in its economic recovery plan, as many other countries have done.”