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Malema se skorsing verwelkom

"Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) verwelkom die effektiewe skorsing van Julius Malema uit die ANC en as president van die Jeugliga, en hoewel ons besef dat hy nog appèl kan aanteken, is ons verlig dat die moontlikheid bestaan dat die land nou vyf jaar lank sonder sy skadelike 'wyskede' kan klaarkom. Die skade wat Malema aan die land in terme van polarisasie en beleggersvertroue aangerig het, is onmeetbaar," sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP.

"Ons is tog bekommerd daaroor dat die ANC in sy bevindings groter kommer aan die dag lê oor verdeeldheid wat die ANC binne die ANC skep, en probleme wat hy vir die land se betrekkinge met buurlande skep, as wat die ANC bekommerd is oor die skade wat hy met uitsprake oor grondgryp en ander duidelike polariserende uitsprake oor ander bevolkingsgroepe maak. "Ons verwerp dus die dissiplinêre komitee se bevinding van 'onskuldig' oor Malema en rassisme en die aanspraak dat dit ook die ANC se beleid van sogenaamde nie-rassigheid probeer beskerm het."

Malema's suspension welcomed

"The Christian Democratic party (CDP) welcomes the effective five year suspension of Julius Malema from the ANC and his presidency of the Youth League, and, although we realise that he can still appeal, we are nevertheless relieved that there is a good chance now that the country may be spared his indiscretions for the next five years. The damage done by Malema in respect of polarisation within the country and to investment confidence is immeasurable," says CDP leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

"We are concerned, however, that the ANC in its findings expressed greater concern with divisions caused by Malema within the party, and with a neighbouring state, than to divisions created within the country, such as his statements on land grab and the polarising utterances against other population groups.

"We, therefore, reject the disciplinary committee's 'not guilty' verdict on Malema and racism, and the committee's claim that it protected the ANC's so-called non-racist policy."