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ANC MOURNS THE PASSING OF PROFESSOR HLENGIWE MKHIZE

The African National Congress (ANC) dips its revolutionary banner in honour of Professor Hlengiwe Mkhize, a tried and trusted cadre of our movement and member of the National Executive Committee.

At the time of her passing, Professor Mkhize served as the Deputy Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and People with Disabilities.

Professor Mkhize was a dedicated servant of the nation and the ANC having served in various capacities such as Minister of Higher Education and Training and Minister of Home Affairs, Deputy Minister for Correctional Services and Deputy Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services and Ambassador to the Netherlands.

She was one of the pioneers of a critical aspect of our unity in our new democratic dispensation, having served on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) as a Commissioner and Chairperson of the Reparations and Rehabilitation Committee from 1995 to 2003. Professor Mkhize also served on the June and Andrew Mlangeni Foundation.

Professor Mkhize was a proponent of women emancipation, as the National Convenor of the Progressive Women Movement of South Africa (PWMSA) and former ANC Women's League Treasurer General, she united women throughout the length and breadth of our country behind the goal of gender equality and women empowerment.

We have lost a dedicated servant of the nation. She embodied the qualities and attributes of Charlotte Maxeke, servant leadership, self-less leadership and total dedication to women emancipation and gender equality.

The ANC conveys its heartfelt condolences to Professor Mkhize's husband, family friends, colleagues in Government and the entire liberation movement. We wish them strength and fortitude during this difficult time.

Hamba Kahle Mbokodo

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