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Subject:

SUBMISSION TO HOLD URGENT NEC MEETING

Attention:

SAFA CEO, Mme Lydia Manyepao

I am hereby submitting a Motion under SAFA Statutes which state that:

31.2 The Chief Executive officer shall convene the SAFA NEC meeting in consultation with the President. Should 50% of the NEC Members request a meeting, the Chief Executive officer shall convene it within 21 days.

By this submission I would like to sponsor the following Agenda points in line with such article:

1. Failure of the CEO to call an immediate NEC regarding the arrest and subsequent bail hearing of the SAFA President and CFO.
2. Failure of the CEO to act in terms of her duties to hold the CFO to account as part of her staff members
3. Failure of the CEO to hold NEC members to account in terms of SAFA communications policy and Protocol
4. Irregular and non-statutory call for meetings

Background:

Item 1:

Today marks seven (7) days since the President of our association was arrested, along with a service provider and CFO of SAFA. It is gravely concerning that to date, ONLY a handful from the entire NEC has been informed through some sort of gathering which I will deem non constitutions as it did not include by choice other members of the Membership committee.

What you and your office is doing is that, many of us as NEC Members are subjected to the same media information outlets to conclude on organisational matters as the rest of the country. We need not remind you Madam CEO that you MUST serve this organisation equally so not just a few NEC members. We are all duty bound to ensure that the organisation is running and operating on ethical basis. What you and your communications department are doing is bothering on political terrain by not treating your constituencies equally.

Before we are NEC members we are also members from Regions and SAFA members. As NEC members we are a board of governance so elected by your members which are Regions to ensure that SAFA functions and accounts to its members between congresses. Your behaviour within the organisation has no moral regard to those members who have elected US by with holding information from decision makers to do their duty. For this reason I'm sponsoring item 1 of the agenda.

Item 2

This is a pure derogation of your duty as CEO on the entrusted duties of the position you are holding. There can never be such a gross mismanagement on your account as to fail to hold or act on any of your subordinates in such an open view of the world to see. Whether there is guilt or no guilt on the part of the CFO it is your failure as the accounting officer to have requested the incumbent to take a leave of absence until he has cleared his name on the matter.

It can't be right that seven days after such a much-publicised court appearance NO action from your side has been taken. Nothing even shared with your constituents and football stakeholders. Your responsibility is to the office, the constituencies, and stakeholders and that myself should not be reminding you Mme Manyepao. Stop hiding behind what we hear again through the MEDIA that this is a smear and political ploy and do what your duty. For this failure on your part in sponsoring Item 2.

Item 3

Your office as set a president to charge NEC members which speak to the members of SAFA on SAFA matters though emails and WhatsApp groups and we need not remind you of those cases which NEC meetings were called for. These last few weeks the trend has even escalated in your silence to the call of Press Briefing by again an unconstitutional committee not within the prescripts of our statutes. This briefing even hold a space on their view on our SAFA website.

Then there is a video regarding explaining matters which we as NEC members are not preview of explaining matters of this past weeks as if it's a position of NEC. Again, your office is silent on that matter. This week you have seen the appetite of NEC members, football people speaking on behalf of the organisation without protocol been invoked.

As disciplined NEC members I need not remind you that to come and say permission was granted will not surpassed the fact that you are not treating your members equally so. Those members are doing as they please and citing they are representing US without having had a meeting where those views were ventilated. I'm sponsoring the view of action against those ill-disciplined members WHO act on behalf of NEC members without mandate.

Item 4

I need not remind you Mme Manyepao, that the membership committee constitute of both Provincial leaders and not only the Chairpersons. As a chairman of the Province I rendered an apology to the call as I could not ascertain myself on the purpose of meeting. It was only through other Provinces that I learned the meeting was called for was for Membership and I could not get a response onto why then the deputies were not invited as members of that committee. This is a serious failure on part of your duties to properly constitute a membership committee worse without any agenda and or proper notice.

It bothers on gross misuse of organisational funds and needs to be investigated as such. Your failure to hold those who are calling and conducting irregularly convened meeting to account further constitute to the lack of oversight on your part. This is why I'm sponsoring the fourth item to the agenda.

I'm further prompted to call for a charge of mismanagement and or failure to do your duties as CEO as one can clearly note the position of your office in all matters that relate to the state of football. Either deliberate or unknowingly on your site, some NEC members are abusing the organisation under your watch. Making you a wilful participant due to you lack of action on all the above matters.

Hope you find it in order.

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