



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **MEC Mamabolo congratulates Top 6 for embracing negotiations and unity**

Gauteng MEC for Public Transport and Roads Infrastructure Jacob Mamabolo has commended the leadership of the Top 6 Taxi Management for committing to embrace peaceful negotiations and unity in the organisation.

This comes after the MEC was invited to deliver a keynote address at the signing of the Declaration of Intent that laid the basis and set the tone for the unity talks between the parties.

The MEC expressed his pleasure following the signing of the declaration by both parties, adding that it sets a good example for other associations to follow.

He further called on both parties to remain loyal and respect the declaration of intent which was signed on Wednesday, 24 March 2021, where they committed themselves to a negotiation process facilitated by National Taxi Alliance (NTA) to the logical conclusion of the unity process.

"The divisions in Top 6 Taxi Organization has had a negative impact on bringing peace in the taxi industry and made it difficult to make a positive contribution towards managing taxi-related conflict. Their commitment to unity will help us a lot in reducing taxi violence in the sector.

"We would like to congratulate them for taking this step as it is a sign of good, seasoned leadership and maturity lacking in many associations," Mamabolo said.

Parties also agreed that each will second eight (08) leaders to participate in the unity negotiations. They further committed to abide by a process to be agreed upon at the initial meeting.

MEC Mamabolo further praised the Top Six Taxi Management for taking this bold step of confronting internal challenges through negotiations.

"We believe this will be exemplary to others and hope the negotiations will yield a lasting solution to the running of this important organisation. This action by Top Six Taxi Management fully demonstrates total commitment to peaceful resolution of issues.

"It is also appreciated that an immediate end to violence was an important precondition towards transforming, modernising and integrating this industry into a safe public transport system in line with the Department's strategy of Growing Gauteng Together Through Smart Mobility," MEC said

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