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SUBJECT: COMPLAINT AGAINST ANN7

Dear BCCSA

The Office of the ANC Chief Whip in Parliament is formally writing to lay a complaint against Africa News Network 7 (ANN7) which airs on Multichoice (DSTV)- Subscription channel 405. ANN7 colluded with some members of parliament to broadcast defamatory remarks against the ANC Chief Whip, Jackson Mthembu.

From Monday, 27 November 2017 till Tuesday 28 November, ANN7 continuously broadcast defaming utterances on the ANC Chief Whip stating that *"The chief whip of the ruling party; Mr Jackson Mthembu has decided to side with the racist Democratic Alliance (DA) on a biased parliamentary debate on state capture. This concession to DA is unprecedented and shows that a pro white monopoly capital faction has emerged inside the ANC parliamentary caucus."*

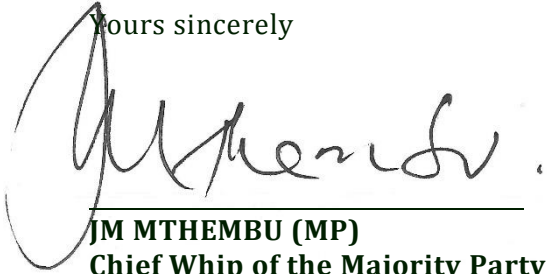
A link of this "press conference" was also posted on their YouTube Channel. See Link – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YpZJhVhI5o>

ANN7 repeatedly ran this broadcast over two days and published defamatory comments without having afforded the ANC Chief Whip a right of reply to these allegations. They failed to be fair, impartial and objective in this instance.

We also have information which proves that the so called press conference which was held on Monday 27 November, and live broadcasted by ANN7, was in fact staged. ANN7 was strangely the only media present at this Presser. We have further information that those who called the press conference were directly communicating with someone at ANN7 while crafting what ought to go into their statement.

We view the behaviour of ANN7 in contravention of the code of conduct of the BCCSA. We therefore request that the BCCSA rule on this matter. We are available to provide further information if necessary.

Yours sincerely



**JM MTHEMBU (MP)**  
**Chief Whip of the Majority Party**