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Media Statement:

COPE Welcomes High Court Order in the John Hlope Matter

For immediate release:

The Congress of the People (COPE) welcomes the Western Cape High Court's order, interdicting John Hlope from serving on the Judicial Services Commission.

This is yet another sound judgment, one that reinforces the integrity of our judicial system, particularly in light of Parliament's ongoing failures to uphold its responsibilities in safeguarding the values of our constitutional democracy.

Over the past 15 years, Parliament has consistently fallen short, as highlighted by various court rulings, including the Kgalema Motlanthe High-Level Panel Report and the Zondo Commission Report.

We urge Parliament to establish new rules that uphold the integrity of the institution, preventing questionable individuals from assuming positions of power.

We once again call for legislation that would make it difficult for those with legal conflicts to serve as members of Parliament, requiring them to resolve their legal issues before taking office.


The people of South Africa are losing trust in institutions of democracy and participation in the electoral system because of these systemic failures.

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