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To all media houses.

COPE CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE DISBANDMENT OF RAMOTSHERE-MOILOA **MUNICIPALITY**

For Immediate release.

As the Chairperson of COPE in the North West, I strongly condemn the lawlessness and chaos taking place in the Ramotshere-Moiloa Local Municipality. The brazen takeover of the municipal offices by 40 armed men, acting as "security" for a mayor who was elected in a bogus council meeting, is a disgraceful display of anarchy that has no place in a democratic South Africa.

This is not governance. It is a power grab by self-serving ANC thugs who care more about their own pockets than the people they are meant to serve. These individuals, driven by selfish ambition, have turned a public institution into a battleground for their thuggish antics, demanding payments from the municipal manager and intimidating officials. This is a betrayal of the trust placed in them by the people of the North West.

The situation has deteriorated to the point where urgent action is imperative. I call for the immediate disbandment of the Ramotshere-Moiloa Local Municipality. We need to clean up this mess and start fresh with honest and capable leadership.

I call on the people of the North West to support COPE in the upcoming elections and bring about the change we desperately need. Unlike the ANC, COPE is committed to a local government focused on the interests of the people, delivering clean water, reliable sanitation, and economic opportunities. We will root out corruption and make sure the local government works for the people, not for corrupt politicians.

The time has come to reject the ANC's failed legacy and embrace a future where governance serves the community, not the greedy few. Join us in building a better North West, vote COPE in the upcoming elections!

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