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Dear Mr Mabuza

**PROPOSAL TO RESCHEDULE THE MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN THE PRESIDENT  
TO WEEK OF 25 APRIL 2017**

I refer to your letter, dated 10 April 2017, requesting the Speaker to agree to the proposal of moving the date of the debate of motion of no confidence to the week of 25 April.

In terms of Rule 129, I am obliged to ensure that the motion of no confidence is debated and voted on at the earliest opportunity. As you are aware, the motion of no confidence has been scheduled for Tuesday, 18 April 2017 at 14:00. This has been communicated to the Leader of the Opposition as the member in whose name the proposed motion stands and all parties represented in the National Assembly, including members of the public.

For this reason, should the Leader of the Opposition not wish to proceed with the debate on 18 April 2017, he may request that the motion be withdrawn in terms of Rule 128. Failing which, I am obliged in terms of the Rules to ensure that the motion is debated and voted upon. I am therefore unable to accede to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Mbete', written over a horizontal line.

**B Mbete MP**

Speaker of the National Assembly