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Dear Sir

**RE: APPOINTMENT OF SABC BOARD MEMBERS**

The Right2Know Campaign wishes to register its concerns at your decision not to release the CVs of the shortlisted candidates for the SABC board, as confirmed with you by telephone earlier today. We had noted the minutes of the Committee's meeting on 15 August 2017 that the "Committee decided that the names of short-listed candidates and their CVs would be uploaded on Parliament's website for civil society". In addition we believe five working days is simply not adequate time for meaningful participation in this process.

The people have every right to participate in the appointment of Board members who will be at the helm of the public broadcaster. The candidates under consideration are applying through a public process to hold a public office. It is therefore crucial for them to have public scrutiny, and to earn the public's trust.

We believe the Portfolio Committee on Communications should follow the minimum standards for transparency and participation set in the appointment for the South African Human Rights Commission, Public Protector and Inspector General of Intelligence.

Right2Know therefore calls on the Committee to publish the CVs of the SABC board candidates, and extend the timeline for public comment. We ask for your response by 4pm on Wednesday 24 August 2017.

Sincerely,

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Communication Rights Organiser