



## **Press Statement**

**6 March 2025**

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### **Defend our Democracy Executive Director Resigns**

Defend Our Democracy announces with great regret the resignation of Zaakirah Vadi from her position as Executive Director from 31 March 2025.

The National Committee extends its gratitude to Vadi for her services to the organisation over a four year tenure.

Vadi has been an integral part of the organisation since its establishment in 2021 to counter threats to democracy. She oversaw its transition from a campaign - which the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation helped initiate - to a civil society movement with 41 formally affiliated organisations.

Vadi has devoted herself to upholding and advancing the core pillars of movement: democratic innovation, electoral and political reform and integrity, tackling state capture and corruption, and movement building.

She brilliantly oversaw several key programmes including the Election Watch and electoral reform campaigns, Anti-Corruption Week initiatives, the Conference for Democratic Renewal and Change, and other activities aimed at enhancing democratic values in South Africa.

National Committee Chairperson, Reverend Moss Ntlha, wished Vadi well in her new endeavours and stated that she will always be part of the Defend our Democracy family.

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