



PRESS STATEMENT

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Defend Our Democracy stands in support of South Africa's G20 agenda and views the persistent disinformation regarding an alleged "Afrikaner genocide" as undermining its constitutional democracy.

Defend Our Democracy welcomes the role that South Africa is playing in setting the global agenda for our common good and has been encouraged by the progress of the G20 process in realising the theme of "Solidarity, Equality and Sustainability". The issues of universal access to health care, inclusive economic growth, the global need for environmental protection in responding to the impacts of the climate crisis, as well as the digital economy, are all essential components for equitable and sustainable inclusive growth.

We also note the intended boycott of the Summit by the US President stemming from the recent assertions by Donald J Trump as shared on his Truth Social media platform, alleging, "Afrikaners are being killed and slaughtered, and their land and farms are being illegally confiscated". This is a continuation of a persistent campaign to not only undermine our sovereignty but also seeks to spread disinformation and sow racial division within South Africa's public discourse and amongst its people.

It is worth noting that these utterances are nothing new, as the campaign of a "White Genocide" has been in motion for some time now and has been met with constant rebuttal, as it has no factual or evidentiary basis. We remain committed to advancing the cause of a just and equitable future in which our melting pot of diversity finds equitable expression, which is strengthened by our constitutional democracy that seeks to protect the rights and liberties of all.

The global shifts toward nationalist and right-wing politics need to be countered by the values of mutual respect underpinned by human dignity. We reject any efforts to advance right-wing and populist politics that seek to undermine democratic principles, exacerbate racial tensions, and problematise immigration.

South Africans of all hues and political persuasions are invited to come together to condemn the disinformation and to do our part to advance the ideals of ubuntu and democracy. We owe it to those on whose shoulders we stand to ourselves and to those who will come after us.

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