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To: The President of the Republic of South Africa, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa

Second letter

Dear Mr Ramaphosa

REQUEST TO MEET WITH YOU IN PERSON

I hereby ask to meet with you in person, at your earliest convenience, accompanied by two team members of PARC. We would prefer to meet with you in Cape Town, if possible, as it is easier for us to travel to Cape Town from our home town of Oudtshoorn.

Reasons to meet with you:

1. **We would like to clarify** the reasons why we wish to have race classification criteria removed from all government and private sector forms, as requested in our first letter to you on 01 May 2021.

2. **That you explain to us how government continues to classify citizens by race** in the absence of the Population Registration Act of 1950, that was repealed on 27 June 1991.

3. **That you explain to us why Chinese citizens are classified as 'BEE Black',** according to a court order of 18 June 2008.

4. **To remind you of a woman, Sandra Laing (age: 65 years**), who was race classified into three race groups (Black, White and Coloured) no less than three times during her lifetime by the Apartheid system. The trauma, hurt and destructive effect on her life is depicted in the movie ***Skin***. In a new democratic South Africa, she and her family are still being classified by race. Wouldn't you want to ease this woman's, and her family's, burden by not subjecting them to race classification ever again?

5. **To hand to you a document**, and other media material, that corroborates our demands, and will help to explain our views to you regarding the dangers of race classification.

6. **We want to show you the petition forms** completed by members of the public to confirm their support of PARC's vision, and for you to see first-hand how many citizens from all walks of life want to see these changes effected.

7. **To present to you an alternative to this problem,** which is that race grouping should rather be replaced by ethnic groupings. We also suggest the implementation of a poverty barometer to address past imbalances. We could clarify this more clearly in a face-to-face meeting.

8. **Your administration may not convey our electronic message/s to you effectively**. Perhaps you did not receive our first letter, thus preventing you from learning the seriousness with which we are driving this issue.

We would rather die on our feet than live on our knees.

Kind regards

Glen Snyman
Leader of PARC