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**Leadership resembling Mickey Mouse state**

“The art of diplomacy is to make friends, not enemies,” says Rev Theunis Botha, Leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) in reaction to the flurry of events reflecting adversely on South Africa.

“Naturally, the interest of South African citizens, especially law abiding citizens, comes first and it is a crying shame that the South African government had to receive a reprimand from the Appeals Court regarding its lack of diplomatic support for Crawford von Abo, who lost his Zimbabwean possessions. Zimbabwe's official slamming of South Africa's stance regarding Mugabe's respect for the peace deal, must be seen against the background from which it comes. But considering South Africa's diplomatic blunders in the Ivory Coast and Libya, the description of our foreign policy resembling that of a Mickey Mouse state, is not far off the mark.”

“Unfortunately this erratic approach to foreign policy, is a reflection of the country's internal leadership, which more and more resembles that of a headless chicken.”

**Leierskap nou soos afkophoender**

“Die kuns van diplomasie is om vriende, nie vyande nie, te maak,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) in reaksie op 'n vlaag voorvalle wat negatief Suid-Afrika reflekteer.

“Uiteraard moet die belange van Suid-Afrikaanse burgers, veral wetsgehoorsame burgers, voorop gestel word, en dis 'n skreiende skande dat die Suid-Afrikaanse regering so 'n dwarsklap by die Appèlhof moes kry oor die ontoereikende diplomatieke hulp aan mnr. Crawford von Abo, wat sy Zimbabwiese belange kwyt is. Die amptelike skrobbering wat Suid-Afrika van Zimbabwe op die lyf geloop het oor Suid-Afrika se houding oor Mugabe se disrespek teenoor die buurland se skikking, moet beoordeel word teen die agtergrond van waar dit kom. As Suid-Afrika se diplomatieke blapse in die Ivoorkus en Libië egter in berekening gebring word, klink die Zimbabwiese verwysing na die Suid-Afrikaanse buitelandse beleid as dié van 'n Mickey Mouse land, nie so laf nie.”

“Ongelukkig staan die irrasionale en inkonsekwente benadering of buitelandse beleid nie in isolasie nie, maar weerspieël 'n binnelandse leierskap wat aan dié van 'n afkop hoender herinner.”