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CDP sê: Malema een – ANC nul
Die Christen-demokratiese Party (CDP) het sy teleurstelling uitgespreek met die uitslag van Julius Malema se dissiplinêre verhoor deur die ANC.

"Deur drie van die klagtes te laat vaar het die ANC, bedoeld of onbedoeld, Malema se kantkiesery vir Robert Mugabe en die sing van 'n lied wat vra dat die Boere geskiet moet word gekondoneer. In die proses is die ANC-president se statuur en die belange van die ANC bo landsbelang, soos 'n onpartydige bemiddelingsrol in Zimbabwe en die voorkoming van polarisasie gestel," aldus ds. Theunis Botha, CDP-leier en waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA).

"Malema moet nou ook as deel van sy vonnis die Suid-Afrikaanse publiek om verskoning vra vir die skade wat hy die ANC en sy leier berokken het. Dit is 'n pikante herinnering aan die ANC se onvermoë om tussen die party en die land te onderskei."

"Ons aanvaar dat die ANC, wanneer hy van die implikasies van sy optredes bewus word, met skadebeheer regstegniese punte sal aanvoer soos dat skuldigbevindings op die ander aanklagte sy saak voor die gelykheidshof kan verswaar. Dit demonstreer egter net weer hoe belangrik dit is dat die onafhanklike regsproses spoedig moes verloop het sodat die ANC se dissiplinêre komitee daarop kon reageer, eerder as andersom."

"Ons glo die werklike rede was om radikale elemente in die ANC te paai."

CDP says: Malema one – ANC nil
The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) expressed its disappointment with the result of the ANC's disciplinary trial of Julius Malema.

"By abandoning three of the complaints, the ANC appears to have condoned Malema's siding with Robert Mugabe and the singing of a song urging the shooting of Afrikaners. In the process the ANC placed the reputation of the ANC's president and the interests of the ANC itself above national interests, such as maintaining an impartial role in defusing the Zimbabwe situation and preventing polarisation in South Africa," says CDP leader and acting chair of the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA), Rev. Theunis Botha.

"Malema is now ordered to apologise to the South African public for the damage he has done to the ANC and the party's leader. This is a further acknowledgement by the ANC of their inability to distinguish between the party and the country."

"We accept that the ANC, once it has realised the implications of its inactions, will attempt damage control by using judicial jargon stating that finding Malema guilty on the other counts, may adversely affect his coming appearance before the equality court. This only demonstrates how important it was for the independent judicial process to have had a speedy outcome to which the ANC's disciplinary Committee could react, rather than vice-versa."

"We believe the real reason was to placate radical elements in the ANC."