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**Conditions a must for Swazi loan**

“When considering the R10 billion loan request from Swaziland, South Africa should learn much from The European experience with Greece,” says Christian Democratic Party leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

“As in the case of Greece’s seemingly bottomless pit, the South African economy will also take a beating if Swaziland collapses. But before any assistance can even be considered, the Swazi government must be democratised, and the executive wings of the king must be clipped to within democratically accepted levels and budgetary restraints.”

“As Europe is unwilling to pay for an unproductive Greek economy sponging on the European Union, South Africa must take a firm stance. But not only towards Swaziland - also towards countries such as Zimbabwe.”

**Voorwaardes ‘n moet vir Swazi-lening**

“Wanneer Suid-Afrika die R10 biljoen leningsversoek van Swaziland oorweeg, moet Suid-Afrika by Europa in sy hantering van die Griekse krisis kers opsteek,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Net soos in die geval met die skynbare bodemlose Griekse put, sal die Suid-Afrikaanse ekonomie ook slae kry as Swaziland inplof. Maar lank voor die lening aan Swaziland oorweeg word, moet die Swalilandse regering gedemokratiseer word, en die vlerke van die uitvoerende despoot-koning tot binne aanvaarde demokratiese norme en die bekostigbaarheid van die ekonomie geknip word.”

“As Europa taai in die bek raak om op te dok vir die onproduktiewe Griekse ekonomie wat aanhou teer op die Europese Unie, is dit duidelik dat Suid-Afrika ‘n ferm houding moet inneem. Maar nie net teenoor Swaziland nie – ook teenoor lande soos Zimbabwe.”