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Ngcobo strengthens constitutional democracy - CDP

“Constitutional democracy is much more than simply enforcing the will of the majority, as it seems the ANC is bent on. In Political Science this is called a dictatorship by the majority,” says Christian Democratic Party leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

“This is countered by constitutional measures such as the rule of law, and the division of powers. We thus welcome the decision of Chief Justice Sandile Ngcobo to decline his controversial extended appointment. Keeping what is left of constitutional democracy in South Africa is extremely important, and thus it is unfortunate that a judge for whom the judiciary has the highest regard, should have ended up in a political controversy.”

“We call on the president to, in future, not regard the judiciary as part of his political playing field.”

Ngcobo versterk grondwetlike demokrasie

“Grondwetlike demokrasie behels veel meer as die eenvoudige afdwing van die wil van die meerderheid, soos dit blyk die ANC vasbeslote is om te doen. Politieke Wetenskaplikes verwys hierna as die diktatuur van die meerderheid,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Dit word teengewerk deur grondwetlike maatreëls soos die oppergesag van die grondwet en die skeiding van magte. Ons verwelkom dus die besluit van hoofregter Sandile Ngcobo om die omstrede verlengde dienstydperk van die hand te wys. Om wat nog oor is van grondwetlike demokrasie in Suid-Afrika te koester is baie belangrik., en dit is jammer dat ‘n regter vir wie die regspraak die hoogste respek het, in ‘n politieke relletjie beland het.”

“Ons doen ‘n beroep op die president om nie langer die regspraak as deel van sy politieke speelveld te beskou nie.”