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Tlakula's lack of realisation that she should resign concerns CDP

The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) expressed its concern that the chair of the IEC, Pansy Tlakula not only refuses to resign, but apparently does not understand why she has to resign.

"If we want to establish a proper democracy, the credibility of the IEC needs to be beyond reproach. Democracy requires transparency and accountability, which appears to be lacking in Tlakula's approach," says CDP leader, Theunis Botha.

"Over the years we have been very disappointed with the IEC's response to obvious irregularities that were reported to them. Especially for the IEC's lack of response in investigating irregularities such as the ANC combining food parcels, paid for by the tax payers, with electioneering.

"Concerns will now only increase with the bad example set by Tlakula, and we urge her to do the right thing. Being, in her own mind, capable of managing the IEC simply does not cut it, as her position also requires the highest level of integrity, transparency and independence."

Tlakula se gebrek aan begrip dat sy moet bedank bekommer CDP

Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) het sy kommer uitgespreek omdat die voorsitter van die OVK, Pansy Tlakula, nie net weier om te bedank nie, maar skynbaar nie verstaan hoekom sy moet bedank nie.

"As ons 'n behoorlike demokrasie wil vestig, moet die geloofwaardigheid van die OVK bo verdenking staan. Demokrasie vereis deursigtigheid en verantwoordbaarheid, en dit is afwesig in Tlakula se benadering.

"Oor die jare was ons reeds baie teleurgestel oor hoe die OVK op onreëlmatighede wat gerapporteer is gerageer het, maar ons is veral bekommerd omdat die OVK nie uit sy eie reageer op wanpraktyke soos die onlangse kospakkies, op belastingbetalerskoste, by die stembusse nie.

"Nou sal kommer net toeneem deur die swak voorbeeld wat Tlakula stel, en ons moedig haar aan om die regte ding te doen. Om, na haar eie oordeel, bekwaam te wees vir die werk is nie voldoende nie, omdat haar amp ook die hoogste vlak van integriteit, deursigtigheid en onafhanklikheid verg."