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CDP steun Solidariteit oor ABSA
Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) het sy steun toegesê aan die ultimatum wat Solidariteit aan ABSA gestel het. "Uit me. Maria Ramos, uitvoerende hoof, se stellings is dit duidelik dat ABSA verlang dat SA Rugby dieselfde transformasiedoelwite moet nastreef. Dit beteken dat die kwessie van sportmansgees, meriete en Godgegewe talente tweede viool vir politiekery en rassisme moet speel," sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP.

"ABSA sou veel beter doen om rugbyberigte in swart koerante te borg sodat voetsool-belangstelling gewek kan word, en om via advertensiedruk die SABC so ver te kry om ook voldoende rugbynuus in swart TV-nuusbulletins te dra. Om net die simptome te wil aanspreek en swart spelers wat nie ryp is of andersins nie die mas gaan opkom nie, op 'n vlak te laat meeding waar hulle nie hoort nie, is onmenslik."

"ABSA moet hom ook duidelik uitdruk hoeveel die Barclays-aandeelhouding met die petalje te make het."

CDP supports Solidarity on ABSA matter
The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) fully supports the ultimatum set to ABSA by Solidarity. "From executive head, Ms Maria Ramos' statement, it is quite clear that ABSA expects from SA Rugby to comply with the Bank's own transformation objectives. This means that sportsmanship, merit and God given talents must be subjected to politics and racism," says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the CDP.

"ABSA will achieve much more by sponsoring rugby reports in Black newspapers in order to create grass roots support, and through advertising pressure on the SABC to have more rugby reporting in the Black TV news bulletins. Attempting to address the symptoms only by insisting that players must prematurely play on levels for which they are not yet ready is counter productive."

"ABSA must now also make it quite clear, to what extent, the Barclays shareholding, influenced this hullabaloo."