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**Find moral compass - CDP**

“In view of the Public Protector’s findings on Minister Sicelo Shiceka and the probe into the matters of Cricket SA, the Christian Democratic Party again calls on South Africans to take moral regeneration seriously,” says CDP leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

“All over the world disgruntled people respond to the influence of vulgar greed on the world's economy by calling on morality to dictate conduct. In South Africa however, the problem is accentuated by turning to discredited communism and socialism for answers, such as calls for the nationalisation of mines and banks.

“With a government leadership blundering when attempting to play the morality card, it is clear that they have mislaid their moral compass. Unfortunately, despite impressive actions such as Angus Buchan's Mighty Men phenomenon, it seems as though the public in general also needs clarity on what morality really entails.

“Although out of context, we are concerned that only 45 % of the primary school pupils, and 35 % secondary pupils participating in the Rapportryers Bible knowledge exams, passed.

“By merely addressing the symptoms, corruption will erode our country further and further and because of those benefiting, trying to protect their interests, media freedom and the right to access of information will come under more and more pressure.”

**Herwin morele komps - CDP**

“In die lig van die Openbare Beskermer se bevindings oor minister Sicelo Shiceka en die ondersoek wat na Krieket Suid-Afrika se sake gelas is, herhaal die Christen-Demokratiese Party sy oproep dat Suid-Afrikaners morele herlewing ernstig opneem,” aldus die CDP-leier, ds. Theunis Botha.

“Reg oor die wêreld reageer mense op die invloed van vulgêre inhaligheid op die wêreld ekonomie deur te vra dat moraliteit gedrag moet dikteer. In Suid-Afrika wend baie mense hulle egter tot die gediskrediteerde sosialisme en selfs kommunisme vir antwoorde, soos onder meer in die oproepe om die myne en banke te nasionaliseer.

“Met die regeringsleierskap wat flaters begaan wanneer dit wel die moraliteitskaart wil speel, is dit duidelik dat die regering die morele kompas verlé het. Ten spyte van indrukwekkende aksie soos die Mighty Men-saamtrekke lyk dit of die algemene publiek ook maar oor moraliteit in die duister tas. Hoewel ons besef dis in hierdie konteks buite verband, is ons tog verontrus oor die 45 % slaagsyfer onder laerskoolleerlinge en 35 % onder hoërskoolleerlinge wat aan die rapportryers se eksamen vir Bybelkennis deelneem.

“Deur net die simptome aan te spreek – en selfs dit word maar selde met entoesiasme gedoen – sal korrupsie die bodem uit die land ruk, en omdat diegene wat hul korrupte belange probeer beskerm, sal druk op persvryheid en toegang tot inligting verskerp.”