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PRESS STATEMENT

NO PROVISION OF TRANSPORT FOR VOTERS TRAVELLING TO ZIMBABWE

This serves to put the record straight regarding an article circulating on the social media purporting that the Zimbabwe Embassy in South Africa will provide transport to Zimbabwe nationals who wish to go and cast their votes during the 23 August 2023.

At no point during any media interview did the Consul General of the Republic of Zimbabwe in Johannesburg made a commitment that the Government of Zimbabwe will provide transport to potential voters. The public may wish to be informed that the media wanted to know how the Government of Zimbabwe was going to assist the victims of Boksburg Gas Leak Disaster where four members of the same family perished. It was during the interview that the Consul General reported that the Government of Zimbabwe was going to provide logistical (transport) support and repatriation facilitation to the bereaved family. The gesture was provided to the bereaved family and the deceased were laid to rest with dignity on 15 July 2023 in Zimbabwe. It is very unfortunate that the reporter twisted such a goodwill extended to the bereaved family to mean that the Government of Zimbabwe will meet the costs of transporting voters to Zimbabwe. The Government of Zimbabwe is not going to provide anyone with transport to Zimbabwe to cast their vote. The article should be dismissed with the contempt it deserves.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E. Phiri'.

E. Phiri
Consul General

