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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **ACC CLARIFIES ITS AUTONOMY AND ROLE OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Anti-Corruption Commission would like to clarify that the autonomy of the Commission is not dependent on the appointment of the Board of Commissioners.

The Commission wishes to state that in accordance with the Anti-Corruption Act No. 3 of 2012, Section 5 provides for the autonomy of the Commission and states that the Commission shall not be subjected to the direction or control of any person or authority in the performance of its functions, subject only to the Constitution.

The Act further provides for the establishment of the Board of Commissioners under Part 1 of the Schedule. The Board is established as the governing body of the Commission. As such, the Board provides the policy and strategic direction of the Commission. Further, considering that members of the Board of Commissioners are non-executive members and meet quarterly or as may be required, the Board is not involved in the daily operations of the Commission. This function is vested in the office of the Director-General. In performing the functions of the Commission, the Director-General is assisted by the Deputy Director-General, directors and such other members of staff as may be appointed by the Director-General.

This clarification comes in the wake of misunderstanding by some members of the public on the operations of the Commission, to the extent that the Commission's autonomy is said to have been compromised due to the absence of the Board.

To the contrary, and as stated earlier, the Commission has continued to discharge its mandate professionally and with the tenacity it deserves.

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