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Dear Everybody

RE: AMENDMENT BILL STRATEGY

1. SAAADA and the Confederation of Hunting Associations of South Africa have formed a strategic initiative to address the Firearms Control Amendment Bill. The rationale for this was that SAAADA was an industry body that has been formed in terms of its Constitution to protect the commercial interests of firearm dealers. CHASA on the other hand is an accredited hunting and sport shooting confederation with 23 member organisations and a broad public footprint spread throughout the Republic of South Africa. It was deemed in the best interest of both organisations to pool their resources both financial and otherwise. It is quite

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possible that other organisations will join this initiative and talks are in progress with at least three other associations.

2. The strategic plans of the initiative have been broken-down into three parts.
3. The first is to address the amendments in a reasonable, logical and structured way. This will entail an analysis of the amendments and the obtaining of information that the Secretariat and the Ministry of Police say that they have utilised to draft the amendments. If this information is not provided, then the initiative in all probability will seek to extend the consultation period either by negotiation, failing that by court action.
4. The second part of the strategy will be to highlight the fact that the Secretary of Police has failed completely in his mandate. The Secretary of Police is constitutionally and statutorily obliged to monitor the activities of the South African Police Service and to report at regular intervals to Parliament. The Secretariat has breached its mandate by not properly monitoring the conduct and affairs of the South African Police Services and in engaging with third parties in drafting amendments to legislation that exceed its statutory mandate. The initiative will emphasise the breaches of the statutory mandate with a view to the Secretariat being sanctioned or ultimately forced to resign. This may involve legal action along similar lines to that taken against the Public Protector.
5. The third strategy will be to enforce the structural interdict to

ensure that the Firearms Control Act is properly implemented and that it is not amended whilst litigation is pending until such time as the structural interdict has been complied with and electronic connectivity exists.

During this time period, documentation will be provided to the Police Portfolio Committee setting out proposed positive amendments to streamline firearm licencing and to reduce the administrative burden that the Central Firearms Registry has.

Yours faithfully,

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