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### **PRESS STATEMENT**

#### **The African Diaspora Forum (ADF) condemns attacks on foreign nationals**

The African Diaspora Forum (ADF) is following with great concern the upsurge of xenophobic attacks on foreign nationals and their businesses in Pretoria (Gauteng) where five (5) people were reported killed.

We are made to understand that the origin of the violent destruction, attacks and killings are in no way related to the presence and activities of the migrants in South Africa.

Major reports see these tensions as results of South African partisan politics due to the upcoming municipal elections.

We are concerned that it has become a culture that foreign nationals are attacked during any protests or demonstrations.

The ADF calls on the South African government to take action with regard to the discipline of the people during the election period.

We also call on the South African government to fully assume its responsibility and put a definite end to the attacks on the migrant communities and enforce the security and safety of all who live in the country.

We advise the migrant community in South Africa to be vigilant and abide by the law considering the upcoming municipal elections.

We encourage the government to identify and prosecute the culprits who commit these inhumane actions.

We appreciate the efforts of all fellow South African citizens who condemn these xenophobic attacks and the wanton looting of foreign owned businesses.

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