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APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER THULAS NXESI AS AN ACTING MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION (DPSA)

The Professional Educators Union (PEU) welcomes the move by President Cyril Ramaphosa, in appointing Minister Thulas Nxesi, to act as Minister of DPSA.

The President couldn't have made a better appointment than Thulas Nxesi, to act in DPSA, considering his pedigree as a seasoned unionist, with unparalleled wealth of experience in labour issues.

PEU is well aware that the Minister has to hit the ground running, as he comes at the time of fierce wage negotiations for public servants, which take place under a polarised atmosphere, considering the recent Constitutional Court unanimous ruling against Organised Labour, when it declared the much-contested 2018 Collective agreement, as "invalid and unenforceable".

As we welcome the Minister, we also wish him well in his new role, as he doubles-up in discharging his expertise in the two ever-busy Departments, with their unique and peculiar challenges, and it is our fervent hope and belief that his vast experience, amassed in the same environment, will come in handy in give him an ace of his sleeves, for him to be equal to the task ahead, as he endeavours to mend severed relations between public servants and the employer, considering the existing trust deficit.

PEU is looking forward for good working relationship with the Minister.

For and on behalf of The Professional Educators' Union,

Yours truly

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