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THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LABOUR COUNCIL

## MEDIA RELEASE

### MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF MAMA ADELAIDE TAMBO

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On behalf of the Executive Council of NEDLAC, I wish to express our deepest shock and sadness by the untimely passing away of Mama Adelaide Tambo last night. Her contribution to our democratic state can only be described as immeasurable. Mama Tambo will be an irreplaceable void in the history of a struggle for free and democratic society. Her contribution did not only bring about a new world order in restoration of human dignity, but has also triumphed a new trajectory in bringing about social equity and maximising economic participation.

NEDLAC is an institution that has sought to entrench participatory democracy in the post apartheid South Africa and was established in terms of one of the first pieces of legislation, the NEDLAC Act 35 of 1994 which was promulgated by the newly elected democratic government. Nedlac was launched on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 1995, by the first President of South Africa's free and democratic society, Dr. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. Its inception was necessitated by the need to introduce a new paradigm in dealing with labour market and economic policy issues and to provide a collective leadership with which to bring together business, labour, government and community based organisations in the formulation and refining of the country's economic policies.

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