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## Media Statement

**For immediate Release**

### **PRIVATE SECURITY STRIKE/MARCH PLANNED FOR 2 NOVEMBER 2017 CALLED OFF**

**PRETORIA, 31 October 2017-** On Monday, 30 October 2017, Management of PSiRA met with the leaders of African Security Congress, a political party (to be verified with IEC), who are reportedly responsible for orchestrating the rumoured countrywide strike on social media.

After lengthy deliberations with the party, they reassured the Authority that the strike/march, which was initially planned for 2 November 2017, has been called off.

Some of the challenges brought forward by the party include the following:

- Challenges encountered by security officers in relations to Private Security Industry Provident Fund (PSSPF),
- Foreign nationals using forged/fraudulent PSiRA documentation;
- PSiRA capacity to deliver services national wide;
- School patrol officers not being properly vetted.
- Unfair dismissal of security officers by employers

Though we do not engage political parties other than through Parliament oversight structures, we had to accord this stakeholder an audience in order to manage a potential instability within industry and business. We condemn any threats of violence against foreign nationals and call on everyone to respect the rule of law.

Accordingly, we emphatically denounce all forms of intimidation, threats and violence against foreign nationals and all parties within the industry.

We also encourage all law enforcement agencies to act decisively against those who contravene applicable legislation, including the alleged usage of firearms by untrained security officers. We continue to engage all stakeholders to resolve complaints.

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*The Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSiRA) was established in terms of Section 2 of Act 56 of 2001 to effectively regulate the private security industry and to exercise effective control over the practice of the occupation of security service providers in the public and national interest and in the interest of the private security industry itself.*

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