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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### Passing of Mme Ntswaki Maria Siease, Council Member of the Interim Traditional Health Practitioners Council of South Africa (ITHPCSA)

The Interim Traditional Health Practitioners Council of South Africa (ITHPCSA) regrets to announce the passing of Mme Ntswaki Maria Siease, a dedicated member of Council, who departed on Tuesday, 12 August 2025.

Mme Siease served the Council with distinction and commitment. She was an active member of the Legal Committee as well as the Registration, Education and Accreditation Committee, where her contribution, wisdom, and leadership enriched the work of the Council. Her service reflected her passion for advancing the recognition, regulation, and professionalisation of traditional health practice in South Africa.

In accordance with Section 7(c) of the Traditional Health Practitioners Act, No. 22 of 2007, the Council consists of a maximum of twenty-two members, appointed by the Minister of Health in the prescribed manner. Mme Siease was appointed as one of the nine Traditional Health Practitioners representing each province. She carried this responsibility with pride, dignity, and a deep sense of duty to both the Council and the communities she served.

Beyond her Council responsibilities, Mme Siease also served as a member of the Free State Provincial Initiation Coordinating Committee (PICC), where she worked tirelessly to promote safe, culturally rooted, and regulated initiation practices. Her involvement at both provincial and national levels demonstrated her dedication to preserving and safeguarding African traditions while ensuring the wellbeing of communities.

The Council, under the leadership of Ms Sheila Fihliwe Khama, Chairperson of the ITHPCSA, extends its deepest condolences to the Siease family, friends, colleagues, and community during this time of mourning.

Funeral arrangements have been confirmed as follows:

- **Date:** Saturday, 23 August 2025. **Time:** 08:00 . **Location:** Matsikeng

May her soul rest in eternal peace.

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#### Members of Council

Ms Sheila Fihliwe Khama (Chairperson), Mr K Mogoeng (Vice Chairperson), Dr N Kgaphole, Ms P Ngidi, Mr M Ntanga, Mr R Morewane, Ms L Skhosana, Ms M Sease, Ms TM Shivambu, Dr M Malatji, Mr R Gumede, Mr P Collins, S Pula, Dr K Netshimbo, Mr M Matshingwne, Chief L Mrwetyana, Chief G Ramabulana, Ms N Galloway, Ms Sarah Motha, Mr Rapholo Joel Chauke, Dr M.S. Satheke,