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PRESIDENT ZUMA TO LEAD CELEBRATION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSTITUTION

The President of the Republic of South Africa, Mr Jacob Zuma, accompanied by the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Adv Michael Masutha, will lead the 20th anniversary celebrations of the South African Constitution on 10 December 2016 in Sharpeville, Vereeniging, Gauteng .

Former President Nelson Mandela signed the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa into law in Sharpeville on 10 December 1996. The signing of the Constitution in Sharpeville was a commemorative gesture in remembrance of the people who died during a peaceful demonstration against the vicious pass laws on 21 March 1960. As President Mandela described it, the signing of the Constitution in Sharpeville marked the closure of a chapter of exclusion and a reaffirmation of our determination to build a society of which all of us can be proud.

The event will commence with the signing of a pledge by the President and other dignitaries at Constitution Square at the Vereeniging Civic Centre, followed by the laying of wreaths at the Sharpeville Memorial Site, culminating in the main event at the Sharpeville Sports Grounds where over 5000 people are expected to attend.

The early programme is scheduled as follows:

Date : 10 December 2016
Time : 09:00
Venue : Constitution Square at the Vereeniging Civic Centre, then Sharpeville Memorial Site

The main event is scheduled as follows:

Date : 10 December 2016
Time : 10:00
Venue : Sharpeville Sports Grounds

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