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**TRUCKING INDUSTRY VIOLENCE CONDEMNED**

The Minister of Employment and Labour, Mr. Thulas Nxesi today convened an urgent meeting to discuss the impasse in the Road Freight and Logistics Industry. The meeting attended by the Deputy Minister of Transport, Parties to the National Bargaining Council for the Road Freight and Logistics Industry (Council), representatives from the Departments of Home Affairs, Police and Transport, ATDF, SANCADTRA, ANTDF and Positive Freight Solutions.

All parties attended the meeting have condemned the violence taking place in the road freight and logistics sector because violence is not a solution to address the issues related to the employment of foreign nationals. .

The meeting therefore resolved that representatives of all parties present in the meeting must meet to discuss issues raised by ATDF, SANCADTRA and ANTDF will form a Task Team. The Task Team is expected to meet on a regular basis to urgently attend to and speed up the finalization of the issues raised.

The Council has noted with great concern that despite the meeting which took place this morning, there are media reports that trucks are being attacked and used to block roads in various parts of the country. Therefore, Council is calling up law enforcement agencies to act swiftly against any acts of lawlessness and to ensure their visibility in violent hotspots.

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