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MEDIA STATEMENT SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2015 NEDLAC CONDEMNS VIOLENCE AGAINST FOREIGN NATIONALS

The Nedlac social partners have condemned violence against foreign nationals and committed to convene a social dialogue on factors surrounding violence against foreign nationals.

This emerged from a meeting of the Nedlac Labour Relations Committee of Principals, chaired by Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, at Nedlac House, Johannesburg, on Saturday 18 April 2015.

The Committee of Principals comprises leaders of Nedlac's government, business, labour and community sectors tasked with the responsibility of finalising a national framework and modalities for the introduction of a national minimum wage and reducing labour unrest.

Nedlac expressed its concern for the plight of victims of violence. The Committee of Principals called for a deeper understanding of the social and economic factors behind the current situation and said social dialogue could help achieve this.

All constituencies pledged their support to government-led efforts to protect foreign nationals and protect property, and ensure harmony between South African citizens and foreign nationals.

The Nedlac social partners believe a national dialogue on causes and solutions to the socio-economic factors that underpin the recurring violence would give rise to a multi-sectoral response.

No matter the grievances cited by those perpetrating the violence, Nedlac believes there is no justification for violence against any individual or community irrespective of their country of origin.

The committee met on Saturday 18 April 2015 to receive updates from two technical task teams that are engaging on wage inequality and labour relations respectively. The meeting received reports on matters of process within the task team to give effect to the mandate given by the Labour Relations Indaba of 4 November 2014.

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