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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

## Minister Nxesi send his condolences at the passing of Winnie Madikizela – Mandela

Public Works Minister and SACP Deputy Chair TW Nxesi has sent his condolences to the family of the Mother of the Nation, Winnie Madikizela – Mandela and the nation at large following her passing.

Minister Nxesi said Madikizela – Mandela fought the apartheid regime with all she had. He said in all her troubles she never abandoned the struggle to fight for the majority of South Africans.

'She was always brave and never afraid to speak her mind, particularly when she felt things were not going right. Comrade Winnie was a champion of human rights, and her continuous fight against the oppression of women is a challenge for us in government to make sure that women are treated with the respect they deserve and that there are women in senior management positions of the departments we lead' said Minister Nxesi.

'The construction industry still remains one of the untransformed industries in the country and I am raising my hand and making the promise of carrying on with the baton to advance Cde Winnie's fight for women rights in this very important industry', he said.

Minister Nxesi has called on all citizens of the country to take the baton from Madikizela – Mandela and continue to fight for those who cannot fight for themselves. Lala ngoxolo MaNgutyana, side sibonane kwelizayo.

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