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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
WESTERN CAPE DIVISION, CAPE TOWN**

CASE NO: 2025-045530

In the matter between:

DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE

Plaintiff / Applicant / Appellant

and

**MINISTER OF
FINANCE, COMMISSIONER, SOUTH
AFRICAN REVENUE
SERVICE, SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY, CHAIRPERSON OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

Defendant / Respondent

**COURT ORDER AS GRANTED BY MABINDLA-BOQWANA, JP, LE GRANGE, J
AND SAVAGE, J ON 27 APRIL 2025**

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Western Cape Division, Cape
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WESTERN CAPE DIVISION, CAPE TOWN

Case No. 2025-045530

At Cape Town: 27th day of April 2025

Before the Honourable **Mabindla-Boqwana JP, Le Grange J and Savage J**

In the matter between:

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DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE Applicant

and

MINISTER OF FINANCE First Respondent

COMMISSIONER, SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE Second Respondent

SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY Third Respondent

CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES Fourth Respondent



And in the intervention application between:

ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS Applicant

and

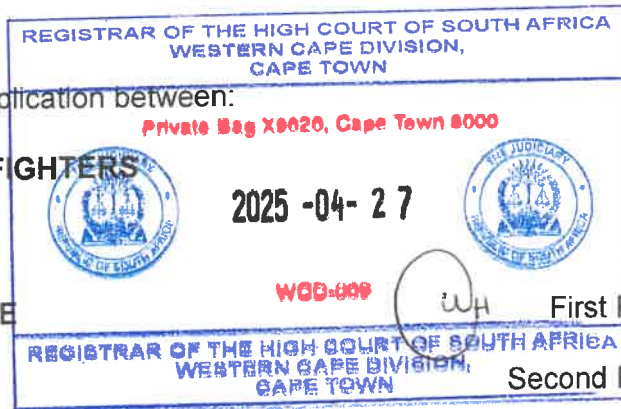
DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE First Respondent

MINISTER OF FINANCE Second Respondent

COMMISSIONER, SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE Third Respondent

SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY Fourth Respondent

CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES Fifth Respondent



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By agreement between the parties, the Court orders as follows:

- 1. The Economic Freedom Fighters are granted leave to intervene in the application.

2. The Minister of Finance's announcement on 12 March 2025 made under section 7(4) of the Value-Added Tax Act 89 of 1991, whereby the Value-Added Tax (VAT) rate was adjusted as follows "*the first 0.5 percentage point increase in the VAT rate will take effect on 1 May 2025 and the second 0.5 percentage point increase will take effect on 1 April 2026*", is suspended pending the passing of legislation regulating the VAT rate or the final determination of Part B whichever occurs first.
3. The resolutions of the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces, adopted on 2 April 2025, to accept the report of the Standing Committee on Finance and the Select Committee on Finance, on the 2025 Fiscal Framework, are set aside.
4. The Minister of Finance shall pay 50% of the costs of the Democratic Alliance on Scale C, such costs to include the costs of two counsel.
5. The Speaker of the National Assembly and the Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces shall pay 50% of the costs of the Democratic Alliance, jointly and severally, on Scale C, such costs to include the costs of two counsel.
6. The Minister of Finance shall pay 50% of the costs of the Economic Freedom Fighters on Scale C, such costs to include the costs of two counsel.
7. The Speaker of the National Assembly and the Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces shall pay 50% of the costs of the Economic Freedom Fighters, jointly and severally, on Scale C, such costs to include the costs of two counsel.



8. This order is without prejudice to the Democratic Alliance's right to pursue the relief in Part B of its notice of motion.

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