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Attention: The Minister of Energy
The Honorable Minister David Mahlobo

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REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION – THE ENERGY INDABA OF 7-8 DECEMBER 2017

It has come to our attention that the Minister of Energy is planning to convene an Energy Indaba on 7-8 December 2017 at the Gallagher Estate Convention Centre in Midrand.

As one of the key stakeholders in the civil society environment, the Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse (Outa) hereby requests clarification from the Minister on the following issues:

- 1) What is the purpose of the envisaged Energy Indaba?
- 2) The event programme has not yet been circulated and clarity is required on the accessibility of this Indaba to the public (both interested and affected parties). Accordingly we respectfully request that a copy of the programme be shared with Outa beforehand.
- 3) According to the Ministry, it would appear the planned Energy Indaba constitutes a formal public engagement process on energy matters in general, including on the nuclear energy matter. Please can you elaborate on this matter in particular?
- 4) How was the public notification and engagement process conceived?
- 5) What are the mediums of communication used? Please specify the list of publications and relevant dates of the advertisements.

Your urgent response would be much appreciated, as we believe the planned Energy Indaba in the format currently being pursued falls well short of the requirements in law and reason for meaningful engagement on decisions relating to energy mix and procurement.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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