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Dear Mr Ramaano,

In response to the invitation of the ad hoc Committee for initiation and introduction of legislation amending section 25 of the Constitution, to submit written submissions on the Draft Constitution Eighteenth Amendment Bill [B – 2019], the commentary below is submitted for your information and consideration:

**Submission by the Boer-Afrikaner Assembly**

**on the Draft Constitution Eighteenth Amendment Bill [B – 2019]**

1. WHEREAS deprivation of property which belongs to somebody else, without the owner’s consent and/or without paying the owner equitable compensation, is a criminal act of theft;
2. AND WHEREAS crime cannot be legitimised by steamrolling legislation that authorises the government to steal the citizenry’s property, through parliament;
3. AND WHEREAS such legislation is illegal and immoral;
4. AND WHEREAS governments that nevertheless place such legislation on the statute-book, act irresponsibly and criminally, misuse their power, threaten peace, disregard justice and terrorise the citizenry;
5. AND WHEREAS such governments should be removed from the national and international arenas;
6. AND WHEREAS governments that steal the citizenry’s property must be called to account for their behaviour just like any other criminal;
7. AND WHEREAS adoption of such legislation is deemed as a malevolent act of utmost hostility against, and provocation of the Afrikaner people (and for that matter everyone that does not endorse the principles of communism);
8. AND WHEREAS theft of a people’s property — especially land — by hostile powers and governments, time and again throughout history led to war and bloodshed;
9. AND WHEREAS every nation is entitled and obliged to defend its land and other property against such a transgression with the means and capabilities to its disposal;

**THEREFORE WE,**

**the Boer-Afrikaner Assembly**

**on behalf of that portion of our people who voted for us in a democratic election held amongst our own people, thereby appointing us in this capacity, and/or those who hold us as their representatives in this issue, and every member of our people who endorses this commentary,**

**DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. We reject the proposed *Constitution Eighteenth Amendment Act, 2019* in its entirety as well as any other attempt to “legitimise” expropriation without compensation;
2. we shall not recognise such legislation as a legitimate act, and shall defend ourselves against theft of our property with the means and methods at our disposal;
3. we shall not recognise the ownership or possessory right of persons or bodies that take property in terms of the legislation under discussion or to whom such stolen property has been given, sold or allocated in any other way;
4. deprivation of our property by force will, when the opportunity and circumstances arise, be reversed by handing back the property to their rightful owners. The cost of such reversal and damages suffered by the rightful owners due to the deprivation will be recovered from those who had been responsible for and/or had taken part in the deprivation;
5. members of a legislative body who support such legislation, the president who approves it, and officials who execute it will, when the opportunity and circumstances arise, be collectively and individually summoned before court to account for their misdeed, and everyone of them will in person be liable for the cost of such litigation.

Signed on this 29th day of January 2020 at Rayton on behalf of and in my capacity as Chairman of the Boer-Afrikaner Assembly.

PS: The Afrikaans text is the official text of this commentary.

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