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MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FROM THE THABO MBEKI FOUNDATION ON THE  
PASSING OF PROFESSOR JAKES GERWEL

On behalf of our Patron, the Members of the Board of Trustees and staff, we wish to convey our deeply felt condolences on the passing away of Professor Jakes Gerwel.

Prof was to us a mentor, a brother and leader. He was always generous with his advice and encouragement and was a calming presence in the midst of the many challenges we faced in the past 18 years of democracy. His stewardship of the Office of the President during President Mandela's time brought even more assurance that our country had indeed overcome the worst of our fears.

We will always miss our beloved teacher and friend.

To his family and friends, we wish to assure everyone that we are equally saddened and shocked by Prof's passing. May the lessons he so generously shared continue to guide all of us in the coming days.



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