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Dear Mr Dangor

It was with shock and sadness that I learnt of the passing of Prof Jakes Gerwel.

Prof Gerwel was as a renowned academic, a man of humility with deep insight and passion for a non-racial democracy, who made an invaluable contribution to the new South Africa.

My predecessors and colleagues were honoured to interact with Prof Gerwel on numerous occasions when he was in The Presidency assisting President Mandela, and remember him with great respect.

On behalf of my colleagues and myself, I wish to convey my deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the late Prof Gerwel.

May Prof Gerwel rest in peace.

Yours sincerely



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