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## COPE PRESIDENT, MOSIUOA LEKOTA MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF FORMER MINISTER PRAVIN GORDHAN.

For immediate release.

I was deeply saddened to hear about Pravin Gordhan's passing, my long-time comrade in the battle trenches for a democratic, non-racial, and non-sexist South Africa. His unwavering commitment to the anti-apartheid struggle has left an indelible mark on our nation's history. Together, with other freedom fighters, they stood as pillars of courage, resilience and hope during challenging times.

Pravin Gordhan's illustrious service to our nation since 1994 was marked by his unwavering commitment to the nation's best interests. His passion, dedication, professionalism, and hard work, reminiscent of the years of repression, were a testament to his vigilance in guarding the people's assets and values.

May Pravin's legacy continue to inspire generations to come. As we mourn his loss, let us also celebrate his impact—a legacy that transcends time and reminds us of the power of collective action.

On behalf of the Congress of the People, I offer my heartfelt condolences to his wife, family, friends, and all those who knew and admired Pravin Gordhan. May his memory be a source of strength.

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