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CoRMSA calls for Accountability and Justice After the Tragic Building Collapse in George, Western Cape Province

Johannesburg, South Africa – 16 May 2024 – The Consortium for Refugees and Migrants South Africa (CoRMSA) expresses its profound sorrow and grave concern following the horrific building collapse in George, Western Cape Province. This tragedy, as reported by media sources, has resulted in numerous worker injuries and fatalities.

CoRMSA extends its heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of all those affected by this catastrophe. We also extend our solidarity to all families, regardless of the workers' nationality status.

In light of this, we urge the relevant authorities, including the George Municipality, which is responsible for worker health and safety, and the building management, to conduct a swift and comprehensive investigation into the cause of the collapse. All parties found responsible must be held accountable under the law. CoRMSA firmly believes that no life should be lost due to negligence or preventable circumstances.

Furthermore, CoRMSA strongly condemns any discriminatory or inflammatory statements targeting migrant workers based on their nationality status. All workers deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

We further call for a unified and compassionate response that prioritises the well-being of all those impacted by this disaster. CoRMSA is committed to advocate for justice and accountability.

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