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ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

TABLINGS

1. **I Hon. M S Mashego (EFF) table the following motion with regard to Recyclers as Environmental Waste Management rescuers in terms of rule 121 (1) (2) and 122.**

Believing that:

- (i) Gauteng's 10 landfills are due to reach capacity in less than 10 years. Waster recycling as an environmental management mechanism could provide another growth avenue for Gauteng struggling economy which is losing jobs. Recycling has a potential to generate new businesses, create new wealth and sustainable jobs;
- (ii) Some industries, though poor Black people and citizens have responded proactively to the call for urgent environmental management by becoming active recyclers;
- (iii) Despite their evidently productive hard work, they sadly face many harsh conditions in the course of their daily recycling activities. Their challenges are

mainly related to safety and health concerns, plus many are robbed by recycling companies of their hard found materials or goods and are being paid a pittance-equivalent only to what can only be described as slave wages.

Noting that:

- (i) hundreds of recyclers who collect paper, plastic, steel and glass daily are proactively creating an honest living for themselves but do not get any support, nor recognition from the Gauteng Provincial Government;
- (ii) Possible ways in which government can help existing recyclers to address their safety and health concerns in the course of their noble work and to rescue our fragile environment in respect of waste management;
- (iii) This is one approach to create real and radical economic participation for Black youth in Gauteng through recycling.

Resolves that:

- (i) The Gauteng Provincial Government under the Provincial Economic Development and Environmental Affairs Department set norms and standards for both big and very small recycling entities, in light of health and safety and in regulating prices for the goods of the small scale recyclers who sell their wares to the large recycling entities in the Province.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

none