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**AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 25 OF THE CONSTITUTION: MOTION OF MR JS MALEMA IN PARLIAMENT
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The content of the motion, as presented to Parliament by Mr. Julius Malema in terms of the amendment of Article 25 of the Constitution regarding land expropriation, deserves commentary regarding the information as per points 3, 4 and 5. Because the sources of the information are unclear, just the following:

- i) Under point 3, the statement is made: “the African majority was only confined to 13% of the land in South Africa, while whites owned 87% at the end of the apartheid regime in 1994”.

The Department of Agriculture’s 1993 Agricultural Census indicates *Developing Agriculture in former Homelands* covers 17,1 million ha or 13,9% of the total South African surface. Should unusable land such as mountains and rivers be left out of the equation, the area amounts to 15%.

In 1994 the following land surfaces were transferred to people of colour, as well as the government:

“State land”	13,8 million ha
“TBVC-state, self-governing and development trust land”	18,0 million ha
Total	31,8 million ha

(Source: ADS, Agri SA and Farmer’s Weekly land audit, 2017.)

This land area makes out 28% of the total usable surface in South Africa.

- ii) Under point 4: “... only 8% of the land transferred to black people since 1994...” and 5: “... black people own less than 2% of rural land, and less than 7% of urban land...” the following:

The information can simply not be accepted as correct. Even the orders of magnitude in the motion under points 3 and 4 indicate bigger surfaces.

Based on the information as contained in the **ADS, Agri SA and Farmer’s Weekly** land audit of November 2017, the surface in possession of people of colour amounts to 38% of usable surface in South Africa. In terms of agricultural land: 26,7%.

According to the land audit report by the Department of Agricultural Development and Land Affairs of November 2017, people of colour own 46% of the yard surface in towns and cities. (Table 10: Individuals’ erven land ownership by race in hectares. Page 12 of the report.)

This is a substantial difference from the information as presented by Mr Malema.

It is unfortunate that the information to Parliament is being skewly presented.

