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Considering the magnitude and severity of the COVID-19 outbreak which has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and classified as a national disaster by the Head of the National Disaster Management Centre, and taking into account the need to augment the existing measures undertaken by organs of state to deal with the pandemic, I, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, as designated under Section 3 of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 ([Act No. 57 of 2002](#)) ("the Act"), in terms of -

- (1) Section 27(1) of the Act, hereby declare a national state of disaster having recognised that special circumstances exist to warrant the declaration of a national state of disaster; and
- (2) Section 27(2) of the Act may, when required, make regulations or issue directions or authorise the issue of directions concerning the matters listed therein, only to the extent that it is necessary for the purpose of -
  - (a) assisting and protecting the public;
  - (b) providing relief to the public;
  - (c) protecting property;
  - (d) preventing or combatting disruption; or
  - (e) dealing with the destructive and other effects of the disaster.

Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, MP

Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs