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## **STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL FOUNDATIONS DIALOGUE INITIATIVE (NFDI)**

### **RE: SUMMONS ISSUED TO MINISTER P GORDHAN**

It appears that a formal process is underway with the issuance of a summons for the Minister of Finance to present himself in court on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. At this point, South Africans must trust in the judicial process, knowing that it should only be constitutionally based principles that underpin the actions of the State.

Having said that, it is particularly important that Minister Gordhan be treated in a fair and professional manner and that he does not find himself prematurely on trial in the court of public opinion which seeks assassination of a person's character based on innuendo leaks and anonymous sources. Minister Gordhan and the South African Public deserve and are entitled to expect better.

This is especially important to do when public perceptions of a trust deficit exist. Not only will Minister Gordhan suffer should there NOT be careful attention directed to matters of governance, but the South African economy and the average South African will suffer as well. DUE CARE along with diligence is required by our prosecuting Institutions as it can not be dismissed that Minister Gordhan is a person of both local and international repute.  
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