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The All-party Indian delegation, which is on a visit to South Africa from May 27-29, 2025 in the aftermath of Pahalgam terror attack, held interactions with South African interlocutors in Cape Town on 28th May, 2025.

2. The first meeting was hosted by Hon'ble Deputy Chairperson of the National Council of Province (NCOP) of South Africa, Mr. P (Les) Govender. This meeting commenced with opening remarks and observation of a minute of silence in the remembrance of victims of Pahalgam terrorist attack. During the meeting the Indian delegation underscored India's united approach against terrorism and conveyed that there would be zero tolerance against terrorism. The MPs of NCOP expressed their solidarity with India on the matter.

3. During the meeting with the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa, led by Hon. Mr. Supra Obakeng Ramoeletsi Mahumapelo, Chairperson and other members of parliament from various political parties, Indian delegation laid out the details pertaining to the brutal terror attack at Pahalgam on 22nd April, 2025. They highlighted that Operation Sindoor, conducted by India in response to this terrorist attack, was calibrated, focused and non-escalatory.

4. The delegation then engaged with Hon'ble Mr. Kenneth Morolong, Deputy Minister in the Presidency, Republic of South Africa and conveyed India's counter-terrorism stance, characterized by prompt and resolute action that holds both terrorists and their enablers equally responsible. The Deputy Minister said that he took note of the matter and the same would be brought to the attention of the South African Presidency.

5. During the robust discussions of Indian delegation with Mr. John Steenhuisen, Leader of Democratic Alliance and Minister of Agriculture of South Africa and other Members of Democratic Alliance (DA), DA expressed solidarity with the victims of the terrorist attack in Pahalgam and supported India's resolve to fight cross-border terrorism.

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