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PRESS RELEASE

HATE SPEECH AGAINST THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN SOUTH AFRICA

The Chinese Association, Gauteng (“TCA”) was established in 1903 and is mandated to protect and promote the various interests of the Chinese Community in South Africa. Many of our members have called South Africa home for over 100 years, contributing valuably to South African society and considering ourselves Proudly South African. Our members are law-abiding citizens of this country, protected by South Africa’s laws and Constitution.

We issue this statement following the publication of various xenophobic comments by our fellow South Africans on the Facebook page of the Karoo Donkey Sanctuary, the Facebook page of the television programme, Carte Blanche, and our own TCA Facebook group. The comments are racist, inflammatory, vitriolic, insulting, hate-filled and promote and propagate hatred of and violence to Chinese people. More terrifyingly, the comments directly incite violence and harm to our children. A sample of the comments is attached to this press release.

The comments were posted following the annual Chinese New Year celebration held in Johannesburg on 28 January 2017 (a free cultural event which is open to all fellow South Africans) and the broadcast of a television programme by Carte Blanche on animal abuse and the trade of donkey skins, which was aired on 29 January 2017.

We record that as a community, we are as outraged as our fellow South Africans at the cruelty and abuse uncovered by Carte Blanche. We condemn in the strongest possible terms all individuals involved in the ill-treatment of these donkeys and indeed, any other forms of animal cruelty. We are in full support of Carte Blanche for drawing the public’s attention to such acts of cruelty and commend the efforts of the Karoo Donkey Sanctuary for everything they are doing in improving the plight of these poor animals. Further we welcome the prosecution of such perpetrators whatever their nationality.

The xenophobia directed at the Chinese community is of great concern, in the face of past tragic xenophobic experiences in our country, directed at other minority communities.

Following legal advice taken to protect the safety and well-being of our Chinese community, criminal charges of *crimen injuria* have been laid against some of the writers of these offensive comments. TCA will also be laying a complaint of hate speech with the South African Human Rights Commission.

We however remain optimistic that in this Rainbow Nation, no form of discrimination will be tolerated and all groups in our society can continue to serve peacefully together for the betterment of this beautiful country.

There is no place for any form of discrimination in South Africa and it is hoped that the aforesaid legal actions will serve to protect the Chinese community in South Africa from further attacks of racism and hatred and will deter others from engaging in such unacceptable and unlawful conduct.

Please direct any media enquiries to info@tcagp.co.za and any legal enquiries to Emma Sadleir.

**A sample of comments from the Karoo Donkey Sanctuary, Carte Blanche and The Chinese
New Year Facebook pages:**

Tracey Lee *"They are the most despicable things on this planet!! I hate the chings!!!"*

Melissa Riback *"I'm disgusted at your fireworks display...may your new year bring to you all the horror and death..."*

Ryan Van Der Walt *"I think we should start killing their children for cure for the common babalaas, ...!"*

David Clive Horne *"Personaly I say wipe them out – I'd be the first to be there"*

Henda Peiser *"There are no more disgusting humans than Chinese people. I wish they all just die. Every single one. I hate them and I will never change my mind".*

Lana Berger *"They are the most disgusting things on this earth!!!!. I wish they would start wiping themselves out, this earth will be better off without them!"*

Cynthia Maherry Le Roux *"...Can we not stop these slant eyed freaks from coming into the country?!"*

Jo Du Plessis *"These Chinese need to be banned from the country! ..."*

Mariette Vdlinde de Klerk *"We need to get rid of chinese in sa ..they not welcome..they steal our economy. .dogs. Rhinos and now donkeys"*

Alice Pretorius *"I agree, I also hate them and get so upset when people bragg with their China Mall junk bargains. I refuse to support them, they are not human..."*

Brett Parish *"Fuck the Chinese they are raping this continent."*

Joy Termorshuizen *"Vile, barbaric people. Is there a living thing left in China ?"*

Hennie van Jaarsveld *"think trump must leave that wall and blow up china"*