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It is an honour for me, as President of the Republic of South Africa, to present the *South Africa Yearbook 2013/14*.

The *Yearbook* is not just as a reference work but as a record of the strides South Africa made in the political term from 2009 to 2014.

This *Yearbook* documents the tremendous change and progress South Africa has experienced in the past five years as government and the nation focused our attention on the priorities of employment; the fight against crime and corruption; health, education as well as rural development and land reform.

These priorities were spelt out in 2009 as we commenced a political term that also culminated in the celebration of 20 Years of Freedom, and the fifth general election in a democratic South Africa in 2014.

South Africa is a developing democracy and developing economy that faces many challenges, but our resolve to meet these challenges is reinforced by the progress we have already made.

From making sure that just about all children of school-going age are at school, to widening access to antiretroviral treatment for HIV, to providing water, electricity and housing to South Africans, we have reason to be proud.

We can be proud too of the progress made in making it easier for South Africans to start up businesses or for foreign investors to develop a footprint here, and of the role we are playing to create and maintain a better Africa and a better world.

This *Yearbook* documents how, working together, we have ensured that South Africa is a much better place in which to live, work and invest today than it was before 1994, when the liberation struggle ended the dark era of apartheid.

Today, South Africans and the world share not just in what we have created since 1994 or under this administration since 2009, but people at home and abroad share the hope that our future will be even better in the years to come.

We have a great deal to do to reverse the legacy of apartheid and to ensure that we take radical steps to place the economy in the hands of the millions of South Africans who were excluded from economic participation under apartheid.

Building a better future will be inspired by the change we have already effected.

I trust this *Yearbook* will simultaneously be a source of information and inspiration; inspiration that will move users of this publication to become active in building an even better South Africa.

Let's all work together to move South Africa forward.



Jacob Zuma
President of the Republic of South Africa
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