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SUBJECT : AZAPO POSITION ON MANDATORY COVID-19 VACCINATION

The Azanian People's Organization (AZAPO) has noted with concern the intentions of some of the South African Universities to impose mandatory COVID-19 vaccination on university students while other universities have recently changed this reactionary stance. AZAPO calls on those universities who are stubbornly going ahead with this reactionary approach to scrap it immediately.

Universities as fountains of knowledge should have reviewed the World Health Organization's (WHO) criteria for mandatory vaccination. If these universities had reviewed and understood the WHO criteria, they would not be considering making COVID-19 vaccination mandatory for their students and staff.

For the record, AZAPO is not against COVID-19 vaccination, but is against making it mandatory.

AZAPO is urging the Department of Higher Education and Training and University Vice-Chancellors, through their Councils, to set aside mandatory COVID-19 vaccination in all university campuses with immediate effect.

Failure to stop mandatory COVID-19 vaccination will result in AZAPO mobilising university students representatives to rise against university management where mandatory vaccination is in place, in the next two months.

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