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SUBJECT: AZAPO STATEMENT ON THE DEREGISTRATION OF EDUCOR INSTITUTIONS

AZAPO has noted the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation's announcement regarding the cancellation of the registration of four Educor institutions, namely, City Varcity (Pty) Ltd; Damelin (Pty) Ltd; Icesa City Campus (Pty) Ltd and Leceum College (Pty) Ltd.

The Minister says the cancellation was done on 26 July, 2023 due to the failure by these institutions to comply with the provisions of the Higher Education Act.

AZAPO has further noted that, according to the Minister, this decision will affect a collective total of 13 096 enrolled students, contrary to the institutions' assertion that they had a collective total of 50 000 students enrolled in the same period.

AZAPO is mindful of the complaints filed by the students to the Minister regarding the conduct of these institutions, inter alia, relating to sudden closure of the institutions leaving students stranded due to the institution's non-payment of staff salaries and/or failure to pay rent to a municipality.

Whilst **AZAPO** believes that the Minister is entitled to act decisively, as a guardian of higher education in dealing with any acts of maladministration and corruption, **AZAPO** also believes that the Minister has a duty to protect and act in the interest of the affected students.

AZAPO is aware of the obligations on the cancellation of the registration placed by the Minister as per relevant prescripts on the affected institutions.

AZAPO is, however, of the opinion that such steps are, in themselves, inadequate and will not ensure the welfare of the adversely affected students.

AZAPO, thus, demands a full, thorough and comprehensive investigation into the plight of the affected students and staff. We further expect that an adequate and swift intervention process will

follow, coupled with material support, regarding their future placements.

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