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**BRIEFING TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY, SPORTS, ARTS AND
CULTURE ON THE SAIDS AMENDMENT BILL 2024**

SAIDS thanks the Western Cape, Department of Sport, Arts and Culture for taking the time to review the Bill and providing their comments to the Amended SAIDS Bill (2024).

These comments are not material in changing the enforcement of the specific clauses or terms in the Amended SAIDS Bill. SAIDS therefore recommends that the Select Committee not consider these comments as there is no material effect and the comments are merely semantics with respect to interpretation of legislation.

If the Select Committee considers the comments, the process for consideration will result in the following:

1. Delays in the process for promulgation of this amendment Bill - the dissolution of Parliament in 2024 will overtake the promulgation of the amended Bill;
2. South Africa (SAIDS) will lose the case filed against WADA at the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS) with major financial costs;

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3. Consequences to the World Anti-Doping Code non-compliance will be enforced (see attached Annexure outlining the list of Consequences by WADA, to be imposed);
4. Enforcement of these Consequences will result in national and international embarrassment to South Africa.

In conclusion, South Africa is at risk of our flag and national anthem not being acknowledged and flown at the 2024 Paris Olympics and Paralympic Games. The timeline and consequences are of more concern here. This Amended Bill is the solution to the non-compliance matter, hence the urgency through which both the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture and the Portfolio Committee on Sport, Arts and Culture ushered the Amended Bill through the legislative channels.

Sincere regards



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