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**SPEAKER'S NOTES ON
THE COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT BILL [B13-2017]**

**06 March 2023, Public Hearings in Overstrand Municipality Banquet Hall,
Hermanus, Western Cape Province**

I, Michelle Sapepe (name/s) from the _____ (name of organisation),
SUPPORT the Performers Protection Amendment Bill (PPAB) No 24 of 2016 as it is presented.

We note that the enactment of the PPAB is inter-twined with, and dependent on the enactment of the Copyright Amendment Bill, (CAB) no 24 of 2016.

- We further note and support the overall thrust and purpose of the CAB which is to:
- a) provide a comprehensive copyright system across all levels and intersecting levels, that draws and adapts international best practice systems to suit our national context.
 - b) realise the resolutions in this regard taken by the 55th Conference of the ANC which is the current ruling party in government.

The afore-mentioned resolution speaks to the exploitation of our artists and their creative products by private companies. This exploitation results in our artist and creatives dying as paupers. It is therefore not surprising that the 55th Conference resolved that the CAB and PPAB must urgently be passed by Parliament and enacted/signed into law by the President.

We welcome the attempt to give effect to the policy and legislative directives of the ruling party in government and their alliance and social compact partners. We appreciate that amendments advocated by the South African Democratic Teacher's Union (SADTU) towards ensuring free or very low-cost education material for the disenfranchised masses of our people has been successfully incorporated into the CAB. We support the said clauses in the CAB.

In Conclusion, the Creative Industries in the arts, culture and heritage have a great potential of contributing to tourism and employment possibilities for small scale entrepreneurs, alleviating unemployment and contributing to the fiscus. But this role and contribution must be protected by a policy and legislative environment that grows and develops the sector with safeguards to protect their intellectual property and rights. **WE REITERATE OUR SUPPORT TO THE PPAB & CAB Amendments as proposed.**

Date: 03/03/2023 Name/s: Michelle Signature: [Signature]