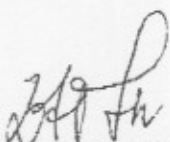


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The Regulations made under the Northern Province Circumcision School Act No. 6 of 1996 provides that no person below the age of twelve can be admitted to an initiation school and that a person below the age of 21 can only be admitted with the prior consent of his parent or guardian.

From the above it is clear that the provisions of the Children's Act, 2005 and the draft regulations relating to circumcision are in conflict with provincial legislation.

Kind regards,



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