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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

No. 1

9 January 2004

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, 1997 (ACT No. 101 OF 1997)**TO INVITE REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING THE INTENTION TO
CLOSE VISTA UNIVERSITY**

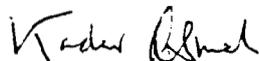
I, Professor Kader Asmal, MP, Minister of Education, hereby give notice in terms of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997), of my intention to close Vista University by no later than 30 June 2004.

The closure is a consequence of the incorporation of Vista University's constituent campuses into other higher education institutions on 2 January 2004 as gazetted in Government Gazette No. 25744 of 19 November 2003 and Government Gazette No. 25737 of 14 November 2003. This is part of the broader process for the restructuring and transformation of the higher education system to ensure the responsiveness of the higher education system to national human resource and research needs as outlined in the National Plan for Higher Education, which was gazetted on 9 March 2001 (Government Gazette No. 22138, Notice No. 230). The reasons for the incorporations are provided in my Ministry's document, Transformation and Restructuring: A New Institutional Landscape for Higher Education, which was gazetted on Friday 21 June 2002 (Government Gazette No. 23549).

All interested persons are invited to make representations to the Minister of Education by Friday 9 April 2004, for attention:

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Please note that comments received after the closing date may be disregarded.



**Professor Kader Asmal, MP
Minister of Education**