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CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE ADDENDUM ON THE RECOGNITION OF
QUALIFICATIONS OF REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

1. I, Joe Samuels, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), in terms of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Act, Act 67 of 2008, give notice that the following Addendum is published for public comment:

Addendum on the Recognition of Qualifications of Refugees and Asylum Seekers

CONTEXT OF THE ADDENDUM

2. This Addendum adds to the *Policy and Criteria for Evaluating Foreign Qualifications within the South African NQF* that was amended and published in the Government Gazette in March 2017 (hereafter referred to as the *2017 Policy and Criteria*). In particular, this Addendum gives context to Clause 11 of the *2017 Policy and Criteria* which states the following:

"Globally the recognition of foreign qualifications is guided by a number of legal instruments often led by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). South Africa notes the importance of the *Revised Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees and Other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in African States*".

3. SAQA acknowledges the increasing mobility of migrants from various parts of the world into South Africa for work or study purposes. The qualifications of these migrants will be evaluated according to the *2017 Policy and Criteria*.
4. SAQA is conscious that refugees and asylum seekers do not migrate by choice and face unique challenges to meet all the application criteria for evaluation of their qualifications. SAQA is committed to assisting asylum seekers and refugees to overcome such challenges.

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5. The draft Addendum is available on the SAQA website: www.saqaco.za under Documents.
6. Relevant stakeholders are invited to engage with the draft Addendum and submit comments up to 18 December 2018.
7. Comments should be sent to the SAQA Director: International Liaison, Ms Coleen Jaftha at cjaftha@saqa.co.za.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Samuels', is written over a horizontal line.

MR JOE SAMUELS
CEO, SAQA