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RECOMMENDATION TO SIGN THE LOS PINOS DECLARATION FOR INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

The Pan South African Language Board (PanSALB) is established in terms of section 6(5) of the Constitution and derives its powers, duties, and functions in accordance with the PanSALB Act, no. 59 of 1995 as amended.

PanSALB acknowledges the initiative of launching the roadmap of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (IDIL) 2022 to 2032 as declared by UNESCO. We further commend and appreciate the strategic direction by Honourable Minister of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture's (DSAC) in outlining steps to be undertaken to implement the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture's Institutional Action Plan geared to promote the development and use of indigenous language.

Considering that PanSALB and DSAC share a common determination to elevate the status previously marginalised languages, we take the view that both institutions should solidify efforts together to make significant impact and redress the injustices of the past.

In order to take a holistic approach in implementing the Institutional Action Plan, PanSALB makes these recommendations to the Minister and DSAC Portfolio Committee as guided by Section 8(1) of the PanSALB Act:

1. That a National Action Plan derived from the Global Action Plan be developed and proclaimed through the Cabinet in addition to the recently announced Departmental Action Plan for IDIL in October 2022.
2. That Cabinet through the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) consider formalising South Africa's role in the Los Pinos Declaration of 18 December 2022, United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) as per its Resolution. 74/135 (A/RES/74/135) on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

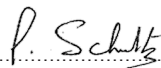
Resolution. 74/135 (A/RES/74/135)

"Proclaims the period 2022–2032 as the International Decade of Indigenous Languages, to draw attention to the critical loss of indigenous languages and the urgent need to preserve, revitalize and promote indigenous languages and to take urgent steps at the national and international levels.

The resolution invites member states to consider establishing national mechanisms with adequate funding for the successful implementation of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages in partnership with indigenous peoples, and indigenous peoples, as custodians of their own languages, to initiate and develop appropriate measures for the implementation of the International Decade."

3. That Cabinet establishes national multi-donor financial mechanism, national flagship activities and partnerships to preserve, revitalise and promote indigenous languages.
4. That the National Assembly, guided by DSAC and PanSALB undertakes to review the current legal systems and legislation to ensure that the National Action Plan is supported with comprehensive language-related laws and policy frameworks, supported by allocated financial, institutional, and human capital in order to enable indigenous languages to be used fully and functionally in all socio-cultural, economic, environmental, legal, and political domains in South Africa.

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 KA MOKA TSA AFRIKA BORWA

Setshaba se tee
 sa dipolelo tse dintsi

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 TSHOHLE TSA AFRIKA BORWA

Setjhaba se le seng sa
 dipuo tse ngata

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 TSOHLE TSA AFRIKA BORWA

Setshaba se le sengwe
 se dipuo tse dintsi

LIBHODI LETILWIMI TONKHE
 TASENINGIZIMU AFIKA

Sive sinye,
 litlwimi letinyenti

BODONYANGAREZI YA NYAMBO
 DZA AFRIKA TSHIPEMBE

Lushaka luthini,
 nyambo nnnhi

HUVO YO ANGERHELA YA
 TINDZIMI TA AFRIKA-DZONGA

Rixaka rin'we
 tindzimi tinyingi

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Een nasie, baie tale

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Isitjhaba sinye,
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