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Dear Mr Kathrada

### **COMPLAINT AGAINST KWAZULU-NATAL SCHOOLS THAT DO NOT ALLOW MUSLIM LEARNERS TO WEAR BEARD**

On behalf of the Director-General (DG), Mr HM Mveli, I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter which was directed to the Deputy Minister, Mr E Surty, MP, regarding the above-mentioned matter. Kindly accept the DG's apology for not responding earlier.

Under the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Chapter 2) any form of discrimination is prohibited. This includes among others, discrimination on the basis of religion, culture and language. This is a common and public knowledge.

The Constitution is the supreme law of the country and no Legislation and /or policy may supersede its provisions. Any practice that is contrary to the provisions of the Constitution is, therefore, unlawful.

Any person or constitution, therefore, that contravenes the provisions of the Constitution need to be reported and must be dealt with as such. You are thus encouraged to report schools that practice this and any other form of discrimination. Such a school or schools will be dealt with accordingly and individually.

I trust that you will find this response to be adequate.

Yours sincerely

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**Chief Director: Provincial Monitoring**

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