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Dear Dr. Jooste

**WAIVER OF UNDESIRABILITY FOR STUDENTS AFFECTED BY THE RECENT
STUDENTS PROTESTS**

You are hereby kindly informed of the following intervention by the Department of Home Affairs in as far as assisting international students negatively affected by the recent student protests.

As per the meeting between IEASA and the Department on the 30th of October 2015 I have decided to grant a waiver to international students who currently have study visas expiring from the end of October and November 2015. These are the students who as a result of the decision by universities to postpone their exams, would have been declared undesirable when leaving the country on expired visas. The students will now be allowed to stay until the 31st of December 2015 in the Republic. The students will not be declared undesirable if they exit before the 31st of December 2015.

Any student who needs to come back to the Republic in 2016 for study purposes will have to follow the usual process of either applying for a renewal of their visa or apply for a study visa in their country of origin, whichever is applicable.

Yours sincerely

**MR MKN GIGABA, MP
MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS
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