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Date: 28/02/22

Attention: Ms Melissa de Graaff

SUBJECT: MDB BUDGET WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ANNUAL FEES AND PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL FOR 2021/2022

1. The South African Medical Association Trade Union (SAMATU) brings to your attention what it considers as a self-enrichment of the regulator through improper utilisation of statutes.
2. In our last meeting in October 2021, parties resolved that the regulator will meaningfully consult and engage stakeholders regarding any possible increase of annual statutory fees for the year 2022. This position was taken after SAMATU vehemently rejected any form of increase regarding the annual statutory fees.
3. Your office made a commitment to revert to stakeholders after having done its groundwork which would be a foundation to discuss any action contemplated by the regulator in this regard. We note with repulsion that your office remains committed to its notorious conduct of failing to meet its own obligation.
4. SAMATU highlighted in that meeting and all preceding meetings that any form of increase relating to the annual statutory fees will be met with hostility and consequences that have never been experienced by the regulator.



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5. Kindly note that SAMATU, as raised in the previous meetings rejects the purported increase relating to the annual statutory fees and will utilise all available platforms and any action necessary in fighting the thuggery conduct as perpetrated by your office.
6. Understanding that the statutory fees for public service employees are paid through an agreement of the Public Health, Social Development Sectoral Bargaining Council, resolution 3 of 2019. It is therefore our demand that your office should not activate any process that seeks to implement such an agreement until such time parties have resolved amicably.
7. It is therefore critical that your office schedules an urgent meeting to engage on this matter within 48 hours failing which we will demonstrate our rejection of any proposed increase through the masses.
8. SAMATU has no obligation to encourage its members to attend to any of their official duties until this matter is resolved to the satisfaction of parties involved.
9. Should your office decide to ignore this correspondence and stated timelines, kindly note that such will be considered as a declaration for a full-blown war against healthcare professionals.

Kind regards

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