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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organisations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to the Joint Communiqué ref. AL ZAF 1/ 2024 dated 20 February 2024.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa wishes to transmit South Africa's response Annexure A and the letter from Minister for International Relations and Cooperation of Republic of South Africa, Mr Ronald O. Lamola to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr Volker Türk.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organisations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 13 September 2024



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Dear Mr Türk

Criminalisation of and use of violence directed at fisherfolks in the Dwesa-Cwebe Wildlife Reserve and Marine Sanctuary in the Eastern Cape, South Africa (Dwesa-Cwebe)

I refer to the letter from the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Mr Michael Fakhri, dated 20 February 2024 (Ref AL ZAF 1/2024), addressed to Dr Naledi Pandor, the former Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa, where he expresses concern at the alleged “criminalisation of and use of violence directed at fisherfolks in the Dwesa-Cwebe Wildlife Reserve and Marine Sanctuary in the Eastern Cape, South Africa”.

Following consultations with relevant stakeholders within and outside Government, I hereby submit, for your attention, the South African Government’s response to the matters raised in the letter of the Special Rapporteur (see Annexure A).

The South African Government remains available to provide any other clarification, should this be necessary. I reaffirm my Government’s support to the important work that the Special Rapporteur does in seeking to ensure that the right to food is realised across the world.

Please accept, High Commissioner, the assurance of my highest consideration.


Mr Ronald O. Lamola, MP
Minister of International Relations and Cooperation
Date: 11/09/2024

Mr V Türk
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
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