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PRESS RELEASE: DE-ACCREDITATION OF WALTER SISULU UNIVERSITY (WSU) LLB DEGREE BY COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (CHE)

The Higher Education Transformation Network (HETN) hereby condemns the de-accreditation of the Walter Sisulu University (WSU)'s LLB legal degree by the Council for Higher Education.

On the 22nd November 2017, the Network issued formal correspondence to the Council for Higher Education (CHE) requesting a meeting in order to further discuss the matter.

Irrespective of receipt of our request for meeting, the CHE has neither acknowledged nor granted our request for a meeting with regards to above matter. The Network accordingly has no further options but to pursue legal action via the High Court to obtain justice on the matter.

We reiterate our view that the CHE's decision to de-accredit the WSU is harsh and failed to consider the socioeconomic-educational implications of its decision in summarily withdrawing its accreditation to the Walter Sisulu University (WSU), a large multi-campus and previously disadvantaged institution which serves the entire Eastern Cape province, itself a large semi-rural and poor province within the Republic of South Africa.

The Network has already sent its letter of demand to the CHE and will promptly serve its litigation documents in due course. We remain confident that our legal action on the matter will yield justice on the matter. Ends.

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About the Higher Education Transformation Network (HETN):-

The Higher Education Transformation Network (HETN) is an independent network of alumni and graduates from various higher education and further educational institutions across South Africa committed to the process of transformation of higher education to increase equitable and access to education, skills and learning to eliminate of socio-economic disparities.

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