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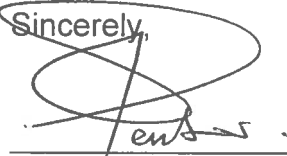
INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL INDABA ON CHILDREN SCHEDULE FOR 16-18 MARCH 2015.

Dear Colleague

THE PURPOSE OF THE INDABA IS TO PRESENT AND CONSIDER THE CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS ISSUES BY THE AU EXPERT COMMITTEE ON SOUTH AFRICA'S REPORT ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD.

South Africa presented its first report to the African Union's Expert Committee on the rights and welfare of the Child on 9 October 2014. The feedback from the Expert Committee in the form of its usual Concluding Observations was received on 28 January 2015. The Committee expressed its appreciation for the efforts invested by the Government of South Africa to implement the commitments for children as provided for under the Charter. The Committee specifically commended the State Party on a number of developments. However, it also expressed concerns on a range of other matters. In addition, the Committee indicated that it would undertake a Mission to follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations in the foreseeable future.

It is an obligation of the State to engage with the child rights sector on the concluding observations and to develop an action plan to respond to the remaining gaps in our response to the realisation of children's rights and wellbeing. For this reason, the Department of Social Development is hosting a three day session (Indaba). The attached concept document provides an outline of the indaba. The indaba will contribute to the review of the National Plan of Action for Children which were approved by Cabinet in 2013.

Sincerely,


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