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PRESS RELEASE

ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT
OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL LAW SOCIETY
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ON

MOKGADI CASTER SEMENYA

The KwaZulu Natal Law Society records its grave concern at the manner in which the ASA of South Africa and the IAAF have infringed the rights of South African athletics' champion Ms Caster Semanya.

Upon the basis that:

1. Mr Chuene, the CEO of ASA South Africa lied about tests being performed upon Ms Semanya prior to her departure from South Africa and ignored advice from the team medical practitioner Dr Adams to withdraw her from the competition; and
2. Persons within the IAAF without her consent subsequently leaked her confidential records to the press;

the KwaZulu Natal Law Society believes such conduct has violated Ms Semanya's constitutional right to dignity as well as the United Nations [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#).

The Society calls upon all persons of goodwill and in particular the relevant sporting authorities and the Government of the Republic of the South Africa to support and protect the rights and interests of Ms Semanya and urges that:

3. The Department of Sport of the Republic of South Africa should conduct a proper enquiry into the conduct of ASA South Africa and the conduct of certain of its senior officials, including its CEO; and
4. The international sporting community should review its regulatory structures to ensure that there is a proper alignment between the governance of sport and respect for the dignity of all human beings, a principle for which Caster Semanya has already paid so dearly.