

**UNITED NATIONS  
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FORUM ON MINORITY ISSUES  
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Our request is that this *Forum on Minority Issues* takes serious note of the deliberate actions taken by the South African government to dilute and eventually eradicate Afrikaans-language mother-tongue education for Afrikaners speakers in South Africa since 1994.

Furthermore - to assist in preventing and addressing the structural and systematic destruction of its language and culture directed at and targeting a strategic minority group despite its continuing contribution to job creation, economic growth and the prosperity of the entire South African nation.

We ask this in the light of:

- The government forcing Afrikaans language medium primary and secondary schools to accept non-Afrikaans speaking learners which eventually leads to the transformation of the schools into English language medium schools;
- The resultant declining of the Afrikaans language medium school numbers from more than 3000 in 1994 to the present 1429 despite the fact that Afrikaans speakers continue to remain the third largest language group in South Africa;
- The government forcing Afrikaans language medium public universities to transform into English language medium universities under the guise of transformation resulting in no exclusively Afrikaans language medium public university presently in existence despite the fact that Afrikaans speakers still remain the third largest language group in South Africa;
- The government's continuing establishment of new universities where the only language of instruction will be English and the resultant discrimination against the other South African languages; and
- The fact that research performed by IPSOS reliably indicates that most South Africans, including Afrikaners, are in favour of mother tongue education.

(Note the attached parliamentary answers received from government that informs the above statements as well as the IPSOS report)

**Therefore, we, the FREEDOM FRONT PLUS of South Africa, together with other registered South African participants -**

Request this *Forum on Minority Issues* to share and adopt our concerns about this systematic discrimination committed with impunity not only against the 2 710 461 white Afrikaans-speakers but also the 3 442 164 coloured and 602 166 black Afrikaans-speakers – which, in the Statute of Rome, is referred to as an institutionalized regime of systematic oppression and domination by one racial group over any other racial group or groups; and

Recommend that the **UN General Secretary** initiates a full investigation, in order to pressurize the SA government to afford equal educational opportunities for all its peoples in their mother tongue.

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