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PRESS STATEMENT

THE NELSON MANDELA WORLD MOOT COMPETITION 2020 WILL GO AHEAD: IN PERSON OR ON-LINE

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PRETORIA (1 April 2020)

Due to the impact of the COVID-19, the oral rounds of the [Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition](#) will now be held in December 2020, and no longer in July. The Competition will be scheduled around Human Rights Day (10 December), with participating teams and judges traveling to Geneva, Switzerland, for the oral rounds. If this would not be possible, the oral rounds, probably in an adjusted and scaled down version, will be held on-line. Either way, the 2020 Competition will still be held.

The deadline for registration has been extended to 31 July 2020; and the deadline for submission of the memorials has been changed to 17 August 2020. Therefore, teams that have not yet registered for the 2020 Competition still have an opportunity to do so.

As organisers, we regret not being able to present the Competition at the time that it was planned for, this year. However, we feel this is the responsible action to take under the current circumstances. We are very committed to ensuring that the Competition, which has been gaining in popularity each year, does not lose momentum, and that those who have worked so hard to prepare for it will be able to reap the fruits of their labour and that new teams will be able to participate.

We look forward to yet to another successful round of the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition.

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