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The Chairperson
Select Committee on Trade and International Relations
Parliament
CAPE TOWN

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Dear Sir /Madam

NAPTOSA COMMENT ON COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT BILL, 2017

1. As an education trade union, NAPTOSA wishes to lend its support to the Bill in as far as it relates to educators. It is believed that that the proposed new section 12D of the Copyright Act (clause 13 of the Amendment Bill) will enhance quality learning in schools and academic institutions and will benefit education.
2. The proposed amendment will mean that educators will no longer have to work under fear that they might be transgressing the Copyright Law if they need to copy from works to benefit the learning experience of their learners or students. We also believe that the limitations, set as part of the exemption provisions for education, is sufficient to prevent abuse of the exemption by educators.
3. The Amendment Bill touches on various aspects of copyright and other organisations are probably more qualified to comment on those other areas. Should the acceptance of the proposed section 12D, however, be dependent on any of the other proposed amendments to the Copyright Act, you can accept that NAPTOSA is also in support of those proposed amendments to ultimately secure the inclusion of section 12D in the Copyright Act.

Kind regards

Duly signed

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