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ATTENTION:

Mr/s. T Khomo Mr/s. E Letlape Minister Khumbuduzo Ntshavheni

RE: ICASA Draft Numbering Plan relating to Biometric Data.

Herewith I would like to raise my objection to the ICASA Plan to link our Biometric Data to our SIM cards and thereby acquire our Digital Identity.

I oppose Regulation 1 and 6A of the ICASA Draft Numbering Plan relating to Biometric Data on the following grounds:

- 1. It is a major Violation of our Bill of Rights as enshrined in the Constitution Chapter 2 Privacy Section 14 relating to Privacy of Correspondence. It states that everyone has the right to privacy which includes the right not to have their privacy of their communications infringed on.
- 2. It is a violation of the POPI Act where Personal Data is defined as: Telephone Number, ID, Document, Photos (Facial Recognition), Voice Recordings, Video Footage (Biometrics), Private Correspondence, Financial Information. We have a right to privacy and protection of our personal information and sharing.

I implore everyone at ICASA, the Banks, South African Government, all Mobile Networks: do not go up against the South African Citizens in an attempt to devise plans relating to Digital Identity behind our backs without consulting South African Citizens about your plans and what it will entail. We prefer the traditional way of using cash and we know our rights. No external entity can dictate their

terms on us eg: UN, Google, Facebook, Bill gates, World bank. It will not be wise for ICASA, CSIR, Minister Blade Nzimande, Tech Executives and anyone associated with Smart Africa including our President Cyril Ramaphosa to test and provoke South African Citizens. Dispose your Secret Plans to Link our Biometric Data to our SIM cards. We are not for sale to the Deep State.

Yours sincerely

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