

INFORMATION NOTE REGARDING HEALTH SUBMISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

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The health submission is a collaboration of what could have been individual submission of pertinent health issues in South Africa. The aim to is to try create pressure on the government from a different angle – the international arena, by bringing these issues into that space through this submission.

We have made recommendations to clearly articulate possible measures which the State can take to address the issues raised and comply with the obligations imposed by the right to health under international law and the South African Constitution. Our hope is that the Committee may use some of these recommendations in the concluding observations issued after the session.

Additionally, the health stakeholders can then aid in holding the State accountable to the concluding observations issued by the Committee.

As this is South Africa's first appearance before the Committee and it presents us with an opportunity to contribute to dialogue between the State and the Committee.