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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **EKANGALA TVET COLLEGE ARBITRARILY DEREGISTERS PAST AND CURRENT SRC PRESIDENTS FOR SPEAKING OUT**

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The Freedom of Expression Institute (FXI) today expressed concern that two student leaders have reportedly been arbitrarily deregistered by the College for exercising their right to freedom of expression. Immediate past SRC Secretary-General, Maurice Khoza and current Deputy President Linda Zwane have been deregistered. Indications were that Mr Zwane may have been registered again.

“Maurice Khoza indicated that the concerns he had raised over lack of financial accountability including unspent NSFAS funds, the hollowing out of the procurement department and questionable buildings and maintenance, as well as a number of appointments made without the posts being advertised, had caused his deregistration”, said FXI’s Rea Simigiannis. “If Mr Khoza’s issue was a purely disciplinary matter the college should have followed its own disciplinary procedure which would have afforded him the right to be heard as deregistration robs him of this right” added Simigiannis.

“The Minister of Education’s plans for TVET Colleges makes it imperative that the allegations made by Mr Khoza be urgently investigated lest they be true and affect far more institutions than Ekangala and its five campuses”, concluded Simigiannis.

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