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Media Statement

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CGE TO SEEK MEETING WITH TUT MANAGEMENT OVER GRUESOME MURDER OF THIRD YEAR STUDENT, NTOKOZO MAYENZI XABA

The Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) will reach out to the leadership of Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) following the brutal killing of Ntokozo Mayenzi Xaba. Xaba, who was a third-year student at the institution, was allegedly killed at her residence by her ex-boyfriend. The CGE is saddened by this senseless killing, which adds to the list of gender-based violence (GBV) murders that have taken place within institutions of higher learning.

In the past three years, the CGE has conducted investigations to assess gender transformation and gender-based violence at public universities and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges, to ascertain the safety of women on campuses and residences. More than 15 Vice Chancellors appeared before the commission to help the commission understand gender related problems at their institutions.

One of the numerous recommendations we made, was for the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) to institute policies and procedures to deal with the scourge of gender-based violence at institutions of higher learning.

We urge DHET to speedily ensure the implementation of our recommendations in this area.

"We implore the criminal justice system to speedily process all GBV related cases, deny perpetrators bail and ensure a high number of convictions," said CGE CEO, Ms Phelisa Nkomo.



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The Commission will be monitoring this case as per its legal mandate to ensure that the matter is treated with urgency. We are calling upon the citizenry to report gender-based violence cases to our nearest offices in all provinces or alternatively call our Toll-Free number 0800 007 709.

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