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### Media Statement

#### Univen denounces xenophobic attacks

The Council, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Venda Professor Peter Mbatlana and his Management Team, Staff and Students strongly condemn the xenophobic attacks on foreign nationals which have happened recently in various parts of South Africa. We call on everyone to stand united against this attack on the fundamental values of our Constitution.

The University of Venda is located in the Vhembe District of Limpopo Province which is a gateway to Africa. "Given our geographical location, we have attracted many students and experienced staff members with scarce skills from African countries. We therefore owe our existence to Africa" says Mbatlana.

To this end, we say no to XENOPHOBIC attacks to our fellow brothers and sisters in Africa. Univen shall remain a home to all Africans in pursuit of and provision of knowledge.

The University of Venda celebrates diversity and we call upon all students and staff to embrace all Africans and live with them in peace. Let us also live up to the dream of Kwame Nkrumah of Africa as "one continent, one people and one nation" by showing tolerance, respect, love and care to fellow Africans.

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