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**HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, 1997 (ACT NO. 101 OF 1997)  
MERGER OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**

**THE RAND AFRIKAANS UNIVERSITY AND THE TECHNIKON  
WITWATERSRAND**

I, Professor Kader Asmal, MP, Minister of Education, in accordance with section 23(1) of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997), and after consulting the Council on Higher Education, hereby merge the Rand Afrikaans University and the Technikon Witwatersrand into a single public higher education institution. The date of the establishment of the new institution, the type and name of the new institution, the physical location and official address of the new institution, the composition of the interim council and the transitional arrangements required to ensure the effective implementation of the merger process are set out in the Schedule hereto

*Kader Asmal*

**Professor Kader Asmal, MP  
Minister of Education**

*11 November 2003*

**SCHEDULE**

**The date of the establishment of the new institution**  
1 January 2005

**The type and name of the new institution**  
A university to be known as the University of Johannesburg.

**The physical location and official address of the new institution**  
The physical location of the merged institution will be in Johannesburg (seat). The official address is –

- Kingsway, Auckland Park, 2092.
- 37 Nind Street, Doornfontein, 2094

**Establishment of Interim Council**

An interim council is established for a period not exceeding six months, to perform the functions relating to governance, except the function to make the institutional statute.

The Interim Council must in particular –

- appoint an interim body to manage the day-to-day activities of the institution;
- ensure that a council is constituted in terms of the standard institutional statute

- ensure the establishment of such other structures as may be determined in the standard institutional statute

### **The composition of the interim council**

The Chairperson shall be:

Dr Ihron Rensburg

The eight members shall be:

- Prof E H Davies
- Mr A S Du Plessis
- Mr C Gebhardt
- Dr R D Marcus
- Mr D Mpofu
- Mr L Ndlovu
- Mr M S Phalatse
- Ms J Siwani

### **The transitional arrangements**

The two merging higher education institutions' rolls of convocation are combined to establish a single roll of members of convocation for the University of Johannesburg from which roll the office-bearers of the convocation shall be elected in terms of the standard institutional statute. Until such election the existing office-bearers shall jointly fulfil their respective duties and functions.

The Students' Representative Councils of the two merging institutions shall continue to co-exist as separate entities until such time as the interim council or the council can constitute a new Students' Representative Council in terms of the standard institutional statute. In the interim period the respective roles, functions and duties of the two Students' Representative Councils shall be determined by the interim council.