

# Paediatric Pain South Africa "PainSA Special Interest Group"

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"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children"

- Nelson Mandela

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#### Dear Dr Miró

I am pleased to confirm that the South African "Pain in Childhood" Special Interest Group endorses The Declaration of Lima on Pain in Childhood, presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> Latin-American Congress of pain (FEDELAT), the 18<sup>th</sup> Ibero-American Meeting of pain and the 19<sup>th</sup> Peruvian Pain Congress on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2022. This declaration is based on and indebted to the Declaration of Montreal, which had been signed by Pain SA, our parent society.

We recognise the extraordinary significance of this initiative and express our commitment to care for children and adolescents in pain and their families. This declaration aligns with the aim and objectives of our society, as are described in our constitution as well as with the Section 28 of the Bill of Rights of the South African Constitution, that recognises that children are a vulnerable segment of the population, and are entitled to special consideration in all respects, including health care.

Paeds Pain SA is cognisant of the voice of children and adolescents in pain and fully support the need to make it heard. We are committed to contribute to the operationalization of this declaration and to collaborate with other countries across

Africa and the rest of the world in paediatric pain management, education, quality improvement and research.

## Respectfully

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