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### **MEDIA STATEMENT: KZN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HOLDS AN URGENT MEETING WITH COSATU ON NURSES "STRIKE"**

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health has just met with the Leadership of Cosatu in KZN with regard to the dismissals of nurses who had embarked in the illegal strike almost since the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2007. The department's delegation has agreed on the proposal and requested by Cosatu that an urgent meeting be convened by the department with all the recognized unions in the sector in order to try and find a better approach to handle the situation.

Both Nehawu and Denosa have already made such a formal request to have such a meeting and the department is quite open to listen to the concern. The meeting is therefore scheduled for tomorrow the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2007.

The Department of Health highly appreciates the concern showed by Cosatu in this regard, but still believes that its actions were and are still quite correct and it was therefore left with no option but to take legal action. This remains an essential service and as the department we have a moral and health duty to the public and the society at large.

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