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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Please see the below statement made on behalf of our client Ms Ieva Andrejevaite.

Dear South Africans, the Minister and employees of the Department of Home Affairs,

I arrived in the beautiful country, South Africa, without a visa and without understanding that there would be a requirement for a visa.

I was looking forward to entering South Africa and enjoying my time here and as such I was wrongly advised to allege that I was an asylum seeker and applied for an asylum transit visa.

This was clearly wrong and an unlawful way for me to try to enter South Africa.

In doing so, I realise that I have caused great stress and have insulted this Country, the Department of Home Affairs and its officials.

I have also made disparaging comments about South Africa's asylum seeker system and the Department in my urgent application before the Western Cape High Court.

I unreservedly withdraw such allegations and apologise for the same.

All in all, I would like to formally apologise for any embarrassment I may have caused to the Country, the Department and its officials.

As a visitor I should have accepted the laws of the Country and accepted that I was not above the law.

I meant no harm and I would love to one day visit South Africa again, should I so be allowed.

Again, I unreservedly apologise for what I have done.

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