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Dear Sirs

Further to your request in the press for submissions by interest groups to Codesa, the Board of Trustees of the South African National Gallery would like to enquire whether culture is on the agenda for discussion at the moment, whether provision is being made for culture within the five working groups, as well as the nature of that provision. If culture is not on the agenda, we urge Codesa to create a Working Group on Art and Culture. Such a group should consider the following:

- 1 the development of a national policy for art and culture
- 2 the establishment of a national department for art and culture
- 3 the development of a national policy for museums
- 4 the recognition of museums as educational institutions
- 5 the review of existing legislation and the creation of new tax laws with regard to the funding and support of the visual arts in general and museums in particular
- 6 the review of laws pertaining to the protection of the material culture of South Africa and their implementation, in order to prevent further loss of treasures both in the country and through exportation
- 7 the status of art education
- 8 the distribution of existing funds for the arts and the provision of additional funds earmarked for the redressing of imbalances in art education
- 9 that the principle of free expression by the artist be written into and protected by the Bill of Rights

We would like to receive information with regard to the full terms of reference for each working group.

Thanking you for your cooperation

Yours faithfully

Professor H van der Merwe Scholtz
Chairman
Board of Trustees

