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**MEDIA STATEMENT  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**LEGAL AID SA EMPLOYEES SUSPEND STRIKE ACTION**

Legal Aid South Africa employees have suspended their strike action as of close of business Tuesday, 20 August 2019. The employees who went on strike have resolved to return to work. As such, service at all courts and Legal Aid SA offices nationwide has returned to normal.

Legal Aid SA welcomes the news of the suspension of the strike. The impact on the functioning of the country's courts was minimal, as contingency plans were put in place by local management teams in order to continue to serve the public to the best of our ability.

Our employees are our greatest asset in ensuring that access to justice is made real in South Africa. We are pleased to resume serving the public and ensuring that their constitutional rights are upheld.

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Please be reminded that the name of our organisation **Legal Aid South Africa** is correctly abbreviated as **Legal Aid SA** and not as LASA. We respectfully request that you use the correct abbreviation **Legal Aid SA** which is representative of our mission to deliver quality **legal aid** services to the poor and vulnerable in South Africa.