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## Statement in opposition to Xenophobia.

Xenophobic attacks started in Durban in Isipingo last week. Since then the attacks have escalated to other areas in Durban, to Pietermaritzburg and Johannesburg.

Our foreign students on campus have already been indirectly affected by the attacks as the Zimbabwean Society at Stellenbosch University had to change their plans for their Independence Day gathering today as they are now living under fear. We as the SRC of Stellenbosch University condemn all xenophobic attacks on foreign nationals. We will do everything within our power to ensure that our international students are protected. As Africans, we call for peace along with our sister countries and call for all leaders and our government to take action against these perpetrators.

In our different fields of study we are equipping ourselves to build up this dream, making us all related as constructors of a cause that is bigger than any one division. Xenophobia is a blight to our vision and a threat to what we strive for. This social ill is ripping South Africa apart. It is turning the noble people of this Rainbow Nation into criminals as this not only goes against our core Constitutional values of human dignity, equality and freedom but it also trespasses our laws. As students, our power to fight this enemy lies in standing as a united front and saying no to Xenophobia in South Africa.

We encourage students at large to unite and share economic, social, and intellectual capital in order to stamp out xenophobia for the sake of the greater dream, for the sake of a greater South Africa.

