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MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Ms. Thandi Moraka welcomes the Swiss Federal Tribunal ruling

The Limpopo for MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Ms. Thandi Moraka welcomes the Swiss Federal Tribunal for temporarily suspending IAAF ruling that oblige athletes including double Olympic Champion Caster Mokgadi Semanya to lower their testosterone levels in order to compete in certain events.

The temporary suspension was announced by the Swiss Federal Tribunal that the court had issued a "super-provisional order," barring the application of the rules introduced by the International Association of Athletics Federations until a further hearing can take place.

“As the Department we are very excited and we warmly welcome the decision by Swiss Federal Tribunal ruling, though it is a temporary suspension, but it is giving the nation a hope that Caster Mokgadi Semanya’s career at the international arena is no longer limited until further hearing can take place. This is an important move that have fundamental implications on human rights of female athletes”, said MEC Thandi Moraka.

“We are still against the IAAF ruling, as it is seen as unfair, discriminatory and inhuman decision. Caster Mokgadi Semanya, cannot continue to suffer indignity of such frivolous nature that borders on the biological re-engineering of those that have vested interest in her loss”, said MEC Thandi Moraka.

The road for Caster to participate in the IAAF World Athletics Championships in DOHA 2019 is now cleared.

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