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Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Evening

On behalf of our Mayor and the people of our great city we welcome each one of you: colleagues, guest speakers and delegates, to Durban, South Africa for the Second Tricontinental Conference on Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine.

I welcome you all to Durban in the month that we celebrate the heritage of all our people. We also celebrate and rekindle our commitment to the environment – this includes our ocean and land based activities. This month we celebrate the harbour day, our might King Shaka and the amazing flora and fauna in our city. This month we celebrate our diversity.

After a very successful first edition of the TRICON conference in 2013 on the Reunion Island, it is our

pleasure to host you all in Durban for the 2nd Tricontinental Scientific Conference on Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine, TRICON 2018, in Durban. Durban and Reunion Island share a sister city relationship with the port of LE PORT in Reunion.

The city of Durban has 100 Kms of amazing coastline. This makes our city an ideal host for this important conference. I am sure that our great hotels, restaurants, wonderful hospitality of our people, amazing culture and warm Indian Ocean will add the success of your conference.

I am sure that your full week of scientific days interspersed with diving workshops and social events will be inspirational and encourage you to come back and visit us in the future.

Your academic programme that will include presentations, workshops, discussion sessions, and special topic conferences will ensure that diving and hyperbaric

medicine will be taken to new levels of innovation and intellectual development.

Your social calendar which kicks off tonight with the welcome cocktail reception tonight in the amazing Ushaka Marine World will be memorable. I encourage to take advantage of the diving opportunities at the nearby Aliwal Shoal, visit our wildlife game parks, take in a sports match and explore our incredible Zulu culture and Indian Culture.

Ladies and gentlemen I wish to invite you all to share with us the campaigns of our Mayor and the people of Durban to protect and nurture our ocean. The city has an exciting programme of ocean champs of young people that run campaigns to keep our ocean clean.

In conclusion I wish you all a successful and productive conference and hope you enjoy your stay in our city.

I thank you.