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Assalaamu Alaikum Warahmatullaahie Wabarakaatuh

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Most Merciful. All praises are due to Allah in all the ways He has attributed praises to Himself and universal salutations to our beloved Prophet Muhammad SAW, his family and companions RA.

On behalf of the Islamic Medical Association of South Africa [IMASA], it is our honour and privilege to congratulate The Jamiatul Ulema of South Africa [JUSA] on the momentous occasion of its centenary by the Majesty, Grace and Beneficence of Almighty Allah SWT.

The challenges posed by the social needs of our community extended the work of the JUSA into providing dawah, guidance, matrimonial services and international relief amongst other activities of the Muslims of all the races of South Africa. This encompassed the vision of Islam as the religion of all South Africans putting paid to the racist insults of the Apartheid regime. The JUSA's contribution in provision of Deeni education and establishing a syllabus of international repute gives us a deep insight into the commitment of the dedicated Pioneer Ulema at a time of colonial control of South Africa.

The consultative and respectful relationship between the JUSA and the IMASA is the result of visionary leaders in both organizations who were able to discuss and identify the far reaching Islamic ethical rulings on blood transfusion, heart and kidney transplants, stem cell therapy, childhood vaccinations, Covid vaccines, cardiac valve replacements, matters relating to abortions and end of life decisions.

The JUSA's role in uniting the Muslims of South Africa under the banner of UUCSA is gratefully acknowledged as we as a representative organization of Muslim Health Professionals have been able to interact with one united Ulema Organization in our country. Out of this relationship joint publications were produced for the general and professional Muslim Community.

Our fervent Dua is that Almighty SWT grant the JUSA every success in continuing its magnificent work for the Ummah and we as the Islamic Medical Association of South Africa are committed in cooperating with the JUSA in uniting the Ummah. Inshaa Allah

Wassalaams

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