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2009 ELECTIONS

Quote

Business believes that SA will have another free and fair election this week, in which all eligible South Africans will again be able to participate. BUSA believes that, for democracy to deepen and widen in SA, every citizen should be free to participate in the democratic process as they see fit. We urge all eligible citizens to exercise this right.

BUSA considers that to have a free and fair election will also require that the situation remains free from intimidation and violence, thereby ensuring a peaceful environment within which voters can exercise their democratic rights. BUSA is confident that all South Africans – including all political parties – will ensure that voting takes place in an atmosphere that has come to characterize the maturity of our democracy. BUSA is also encouraged by the deployment of visible law enforcement agencies to avoid any criminality and intimidation.

Notwithstanding that 22 April is a public holiday, BUSA urges all the employers to make provision for staff to have quality time off to vote in. This will assist in maximizing the participation of voters in this important election.

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