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Dear Mr Mbambo

### **RESPONSE TO A LETTER FROM GREAT DEBATERS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION (GIDA)**

The Department of Basic Education (DBE) acknowledges the interest and initiatives taken by your organization in reviving debate as an extra curriculum activity in the country.

I would like to assure you that DBE is fully committed to ensuring that reading; writing and communication skills are improved in our schools. Your initiative is therefore an exciting one, but unfortunately the DBE is unable to finance projects of this nature.

I, therefore advise that you contact the Department of Arts and Culture (DAC) who is responsible for expanding and transforming the library and information services in the communities. I have attached the contact details of DAC officials for your information.

Kind regards

**MR HM MWELI**

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