Dear Mrs. van der Eems,

thank you for your e-mail of 10th October 2012. Due to a peak of incoming e-mails I can revert to it only now.

The German Schools are not an example for promoting parallel societies, because they are all private schools under the South African law and fully integrated into the South African NQF. An intergovernmental agreement determines that the schools are leading to both, the German Abitur and at the same time the South African National Senior Certificate.

Therefore I can assure you that the German Embassy is not supporting parallel societies in South Africa.

Hoping that this will answer your question, I remain

Yours sincerely

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Would you please be so kind to explain why the German embassy supports parallel societies in South Africa, but justifies the countering of parallel societies in Germany?