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FROM : OFFICE OF THE CEO. ADV. P.S. MOREROA

TO : NEWS EDITORS / PR WIRES

DATE : 24 MARCH 2011

**SUBJECT : INVITATION TO THE LAUNCHING OF THE REPORT: GUIDELINES REPORT
ON THE AFRICAN RITUAL OF ANIMAL SLAUGHTER**

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This event is strategically taking place during the Human Rights month. As this is an issue of national interest, your support in covering this newsworthy item will add much more value to our society.

The event is scheduled as follows:

Date: 29 March, 2011 (Tuesday)

Venue: Parktonian Hotel Braamfontein

Time: 09h00 – 13h00

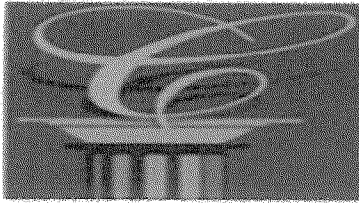
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Yours sincerely;



Adv. P S Moreroa
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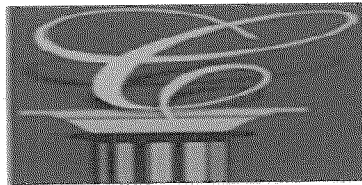


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Attention! Themba Mangetha



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MEDIA ALERT

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FROM : OFFICE OF THE CEO. ADV. P.S. MOREROA

TO : NEWS EDITORS / PR WIRES

DATE : 15 MARCH 2011

SUBJECT : MEDIA CONFERENCE ON KUTHWALA

The Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities (the CRL Rights Commission), is a Chapter 9 institution established in terms of Act 19 of 2002. It's main function being to promote respect for the rights of cultural, religious and linguistic communities. It also aims to promote and develop peace, friendship, humanity, tolerance and national unity among and within cultural, religious and linguistic communities, on the basis of equality, non-discrimination and free association.

The CRL Rights Commission invites you to attend a media conference on the issue of Ukuthwala and its impact on society. The details of the information session and discussion are as follows:

DATE : 17th March 2011

VENUE : Protea Hotel Balalaika, Sandton

TIME : 10:00 – 13:00

As the Chapter 9 Institution tasked with promoting and protecting cultural practices it is our role and mandate to give direction to the country on this “ukuthwala” cultural practice. The CRL Rights Commission has thus far engaged communities on the issue of ukuthwala and will be sharing our outcomes with the media.

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Kind Regards



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MEDIA STATEMENT

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SUBJECT : Joe Slovo Engineering High School v. Odwa Sityata

The Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious, and Linguistic Communities ('CRL Rights Commission or the Commission) is an institution established in terms of Section 181 (c), and mandated by Section 185 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa of 1996 to support constitutional democracy; promote and develop peace, friendship, humanity, tolerance and promote unity in diversity. This mandate is elaborated further in the CRL Rights Commission Act 19 of 2002.

On the basis of our Constitutional mandate above, the CRL Rights Commission registers its disappointment with the manner in which the Joe Slovo Engineering High School has handled the Rastafarian Grade 8 learner, Odwa Sityata. Our constitutional dispensation advances the protection and promotion of the values of the Constitution particularly the Bill of Rights. The CRL Rights Commission cannot hesitate to indicate that the conduct of the school in this matter runs inconsistent with the following provisions of the Constitution. Sections 2 which puts the Constitution as the supreme law of the Republic and that any law or conduct inconsistent with it is therefore invalid. Sections 15 and 31 of the Constitution are thus violated by the authorities of the Joe Slovo Engineering High School.

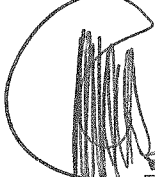
As case law provides, in the Prince case the Constitutional Court held that the Rastafarian religion is protected by the Constitution and that the right to freedom of religion includes to the right to :

- i) Have a belief
- ii) express that belief publicly, and
- iii) manifest that belief by worship and practice

Recommendations made to the Office of the MEC for Education:

- It is against that background that the CRL Rights Commission requested the MEC's office to directly intervene in the case to avoid further violation of the learner's fundamental right to education on the grounds that could not stand the constitutional scrutiny.
- While intervening in the school saga, the Commission expects that the learner's suspension be reviewed as a matter of urgency to avoid further disadvantageous consequences to him.
- We have indicated to the office of the MEC that the school should indicate practical catch up methods for Mr O Sityata to cover the work he missed throughout the suspension period.

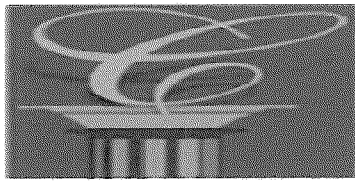
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SUBJECT : FACT FINDING MISSION ON THE ALLEGED RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE BY THE CAPE TOWN METRO POLICE ON RASATAFARI COMMUNITY MEMBERS: 11 MARCH 2011

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During April 2010, the Investigation and Conflict Resolution Unit (ICR unit) of the CRL Rights Commission received a complaint from the Reed Gold and green Edu Car Management and Rastafari

This relates to a religious complaint where allegations were levelled against the Cape Town Metro Police officers. Amongst others it is alleged that during March 2010 Metro Police were patrolling in Philippi township when they confronted Rastafari Female educators and the Rastafari Community members.

The Complainants allege that their human rights such freedom and security of person, right to privacy, Cultural and Religious were violated by the Cape Town Metro Police officers.

It is against this background that the CRL Rights Commission will be embarking on a fact finding mission on the alleged religious intolerance by the Cape Town Metro Police on Rastafari Communities.

Details of the fact finding mission are as follows:

Date: 11 March 2011

Venue: Philippi, Marcus Garvey Community

Time: 10am and 11am.

The Media and the communities in and around the areas of Cape Town are invited to participate in this important event.

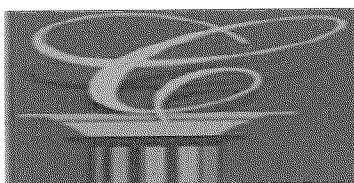
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DATE : 02 MARCH 2011

SUBJECT: LAUNCH OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN MABUNDA VILLAGE: LIMPOPO PROVINCE

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- establish Community Councils to preserve, promote and develop cultures, religions and languages of communities for which they are recognized and,
- to advise and assist the Commission in matters concerning the achievement of its objectives.

It is within this background that the CRL Rights Commission invites you to cover launching Community councils in Mabunda Village, Limpopo Province. The details of this invitation are as follows:

Venue: Mabunda Traditional Council (ha-Ngove outside Giyani)

Date : 05 March 2011

Time : 08:30am

The following organizations have been invited to participate during the event: Senior government people, Provincial House of Traditional Leaders, NGOs, CBOs, Community Leaders and the community itself.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Moreroa', is written over a circular stamp that has been filled with vertical lines.

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