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FOR THE PROMOTION & PROTECTION  
OF THE RIGHTS OF CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS  
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**CRL RIGHTS COMMISSION MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**TO : NEWS EDITORS / PR WIRES**

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**SUBJECT : CRL RIGHTS COMMISSION SUPPORTS THE COMMEMORATION  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF TOLERANCE: 16 NOVEMBER 2011**

The CRL Rights Commission supports and observes International Day of Tolerance, commemorated on 16 November 2011. The CRL Rights Commission advocates for the development and the promotion of multiculturalism, multilingualism and appreciation and tolerance of faiths at all levels.

In 1996, the UN General Assembly (by resolution 51/95) invited UN Member States to observe the International Day for Tolerance on 16 November, with activities directed towards both educational establishments and the wider public.

This action followed on the United Nations Year for Tolerance, 1995, proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 1993 at the initiative of UNESCO, as outlined in the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance and Follow-up Plan of Action for the Year.

The 2005 World Summit Outcome document furthered the commitment of Heads of State and Government to advance human welfare, freedom and progress everywhere, as well as to encourage tolerance, respect, dialogue and cooperation among different cultures, civilizations and people.

In the complex and global challenges of our times, the CRL Rights Commission encourages all citizen of South Africa to join the global community in commemorating the International Day of Tolerance, upholding mutual understanding among communities of different cultural, religious and linguistic backgrounds in an interconnected world. As we mark this international day, let us remember that active tolerance begins with each of us, every day where we promote peace, tolerance, unity amongst cultural, religious and linguistic communities enhancing acceptance of diversity of communities.

The commemoration of this day comes at the dawn of the intruding xenophobic threats on foreign national residing in areas such as the Alexandra township and

Polokwane. The CRL Rights Commission condemns any action of racial, cultural, religious and linguistic intolerance on both South African and foreign nationals.

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Kind Regards



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