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INVITATION TO THE CRL RIGHTS COMMISSION DIALOGUE ON THE ROLE OF RELIGION, LAW, AND CULTURE ON RECONCILIATION IN A POST APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA

The Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities (hereinafter referred to as ‘the CRL Rights Commission’) is a constitutional institution established to strengthen constitutional democracy with specific reference to the rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities. This mandate is provided for under sections 181(1)(c) and 185 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.

Members of the media are invited to the CRL Rights Commission’s dialogue. The theme for the dialogue is “***The Role of Religion, Law, and Culture on Reconciliation in a Post Apartheid South Africa.***”

The dialogue is part of the engagements which the CRL Rights Commission is making with religious communities, pursuant of its constitutional mandate to promote and protect the cultural, religious, and linguistic rights of communities. As demonstrated at various forums and platforms, the dawn of democracy in South Africa as well as the adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 heightened the hopes of many people in our country. As a result, there were expectations that issues of equal treatment, promotion and protection of all religions, cultures, and laws will be effectively implemented. Equally important was the expectation that social cohesion, tolerance, and reconciliation will become a living reality amongst the diverse communities in the country.

While South Africa is still relatively at peace despite the various religions, laws, and cultures, more still needs to be done to build a socially cohesive society. To ensure that South Africa does not slip into an intolerant society in as far as religions, cultures,

and the laws are concerned, the issue then is how do we ensure that religion, law, and culture continue to play a reconciliation role in a post-apartheid South Africa.

The details of the dialogue are as follows:

- **Venue: Birchwood Hotel& Conference Centre**
- **Address: 44 Viewpoint Street, Bartlett, Boksburg**
- **Date: 27 June 2023**
- **Time: 09h00 – 16h00**

Please do confirm your attendance.

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