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G O V E R N M E N T N O T I C E**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT****No. 1411****22 December 2000****INVITATION FOR NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION**

The Commission on Gender Equality Act, 1996 (Act No. 39 of 1996), came into operation on 8 August 1996 to give effect to sections 181 and 187 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996), which determine that a Commission on Gender Equality must be established to promote gender equality and to advise and make recommendations to Parliament or any other legislature with regard to any laws or proposed legislation which affect gender equality and the status of women.

The term of office of all the current members of the Commission on Gender Equality (with the exception of the Chairperson) is due to lapse between 3 March 2001 and 30 April 2001.

Members of the Commission are in terms of the Act, appointed by the President on advice of a joint committee of the Houses of Parliament, on a full-time or part-time basis and will hold office for a fixed term, not exceeding five years.

In terms of section 3(3) of the Commission on Gender Equality Act, 1996 (Act No. 39 of 1996), before the members of the Commission on Gender Equality are appointed by the President, the Minister for Justice and Constitutional Development must invite interested parties, through the

media and by notice in the *Government Gazette*, to nominate candidates within 30 days of the publication of the said notice, for consideration by a joint committee of the Houses of Parliament.

Dr P M Maduna, Minister for Justice and Constitutional Development, hereby invites interested parties to nominate candidates for appointment of persons on the Commission by the President. Candidates have to be South African citizens who are fit and proper for appointment and broadly representative of the South African community. Bear in mind that Commissioners must have a record of commitment to the promotion of gender equality and must be persons with applicable knowledge or experience with regard to matters connected with the objects of the Commission.

Nominations, accompanied by a motivation concerning the suitability of each candidate and a comprehensive *curriculum vitae* must be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice to: The Director-General: Justice and Constitutional Development, Private Bag X81, Pretoria, 0001, for the attention of: Mrs C S Kok (telephone number: (012) 3151259 and facsimile: (012) 328 7733/ 323 4767).

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