

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

TERMINATION OF INTEGRATION INTAKE BILL

(As introduced in the National Assembly as a section 75 Bill; explanatory summary of Bill published in Government Gazette No 21599 of 22 September 2000) (The English text is the official text of the Bill)

(MINISTER OF DEFENCE)

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BILL

To provide for the termination of the intake of members of non-statutory forces into the South African National Defence Force for integration purposes; to provide for the integration of the members of the said forces who are likely to be granted amnesty; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

Definitions

1. In this Act unless the context indicates otherwise—
 - “agreement” means the agreement contemplated in section 236(8)(d) of the Interim Constitution which continues to be in force in terms of item 24 of Schedule 6 to the Constitution; 5
 - “certified personnel register” means the certified personnel register referred to in section 16(3) or (9) of the Transitional Executive Council Act, 1993 (Act No. 151 of 1993); 10
 - “Constitution” means the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996);
 - “Interim Constitution” means the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993 (Act No. 200 of 1993);
 - “member” means a member of a non-statutory force; 15
 - “Minister” means the Minister of Defence;
 - “National Defence Force” means the South African National Defence Force established by section 224(1) of the Interim Constitution which continues to be in force in terms of item 24 of Schedule 6 to the Constitution;
 - “non-statutory force” means an armed force referred to in section 224(2)(c) of the Interim Constitution as amended by item 3 of Annexure D of Schedule 6 to the Constitution which was formerly known as the Azanian People’s Liberation Army or uMkhonto weSizwe, as the case may be; 20
 - “personnel list” means the personnel list referred to in section 224(2)(c) of the Interim Constitution as amended by item 3 of Annexure D of Schedule 6 to the Constitution. 25

Application

2. This Act applies to all members whose names and other particulars are included in the certified personnel register or the personnel list.

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3. (1) Every member, except a member referred to in section 4, must enter into an agreement with the National Defence Force on or before 31 March 2001.
(2) Subsection (1) does not preclude the enrolment into the National Defence Force of any person in terms of the Defence Act, 1957 (Act No. 44 of 1957).

Integration of members granted amnesty

4. (1) Despite the provisions of section 3(1), a member—

- (a) who was unable to enter into an agreement with the National Defence Force due to his or her imprisonment for purposes of serving a sentence in respect of an act, omission or offence that is associated with a political objective as defined in the Promotion of National Unity and Reconciliation Act, 1995 (Act No. 34 of 1995); 5
- (b) who has been granted amnesty in terms of section 20(1) of the said Act; and
- (c) whose name and other particulars are included in the certified personnel register or personnel list, 10

may, subject to subsection (2), enter into an agreement with the National Defence Force after the date referred to in section 3(1).

(2) A member referred to in subsection (1) must enter into such agreement within 90 days after being notified of the decision to grant him or her amnesty.

Short title

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5. This Act is called the Termination of Integration Intake Act, 2001.

MEMORANDUM ON THE OBJECTS OF THE TERMINATION OF INTEGRATION INTAKE BILL, 2001

BACKGROUND

1. Section 236(8)(d) of the Interim Constitution which continues to be in force by virtue of item 24 of Schedule 6 to the Constitution provides that the continuance of membership of the SANDF by members of the non-statutory forces will be subject to such member entering into an agreement for temporary or permanent appointment in the SANDF. The said members were required to enter into the agreements within a reasonable period of time.

PURPOSE

2.1 The Bill seeks to provide a legal framework for the termination of the intake of members of APLA and MK for integration purposes. The Bill provides that members of APLA and MK who are eligible to conclude agreements with SANDF should do so before 31 March 2001. The Bill also makes provision for the integration of members of APLA and MK whose names appear in the certified personnel register or personnel list and who have been granted or are likely to be granted amnesty in terms of the Promotion of National Unity and Reconciliation Act, 1995, after 31 March 2001.

2.2 The principal objects of the Bill are—

- (a) to stipulate a date by which the agreements contemplated in the aforesaid section 236(8)(d) should be entered into; and
- (b) to make provision for members of the non-statutory forces mentioned in paragraph 2.1 to enter into the said agreements.

CLAUSE BY CLAUSE ANALYSIS

3.1 Clause 1 provides for definitions.

3.2 Clause 2 provides that the Act will only apply to members of the non-statutory forces whose names appear on the certified personnel register or personnel list. Clause 3(1) provides that no member of the non-statutory forces will be entitled to enter into the said agreements after 31 March 2001. In terms of clause 4 members of the non-statutory forces who are likely to be granted amnesty in accordance with section 20(1) of the Promotion of National Unity and Reconciliation Act, 1995, will have the right to conclude the agreements after the date stipulated in clause 3(1). Such persons will be required to conclude the agreements within 90 days after being informed of the decision to grant them amnesty.

3.3 Clause 5 provides for a short title.

CONSULTATION

4. The Bill was sent to all Government Departments for their comments and inputs before it was submitted to Cabinet.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE

5. There are no financial implications for the State arising out of the termination of intake of members of the former APLA and MK for integration purposes.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

6. The Department of Defence and the State Law Advisers are of the view that this Bill should be dealt with in terms of section 75 of the Constitution since it contains no provision to which section 74 or 76 of the Constitution applies.