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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

AMENDMENT BILL, 2008

The Minister for Justice and Constitutional Development intends introducing the Criminal Procedure Amendment Bill, 2008, in the National Assembly shortly. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Bill is intended to amend the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977, so as to provide for the postponement of certain criminal proceedings against an accused person in custody awaiting trial via audiovisual link or audio link; to provide for the expungement of criminal records of certain persons in respect of whom certain sentences have been imposed after the compliance with certain requirements and the expiry of a fixed period; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

A copy of the Bill can be found on the website of the Parliamentary Monitoring Group at <a href="http://www.pmg.org.za">http://www.pmg.org.za</a> and may, after introduction, also be obtained from:

- 1. Government Printers: Cape Town and Pretoria
- 2. The website of the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development at <a href="http://www.doj.gov.za">http://www.doj.gov.za</a>