REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO

# **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS BILL**

[B 10-2011]

(As agreed to by the Portfolio Committee on Defence and Military Veterans)

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#### NEW CLAUSE

#### 1. That the following be a new clause:

#### Applicable law

**3.** In addition to the Constitution and the law, any court in the Republic hearing any matter arising from the application of this Act must also consider and, where, appropriate, may apply—

- (a) conventional international law;
- (b) customary international law; and
- (c) comparable foreign law.

#### CLAUSE 5

1. On page 6, in line 9, to omit "subsection (1)" and to substitute "this section".

#### CLAUSE 6

1. On page 6, after line 27, to add the following subsection:

(4) Nothing in this Act must be construed as precluding the prosecution of any person accused of having committed a breach under customary international law before this Act took effect.