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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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**PROMOTION OF NATIONAL  
UNITY AND RECONCILIATION  
AMENDMENT ACT**

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REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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BEVORDERING VAN  
NASIONALE EENHEID EN  
VERSOENING**

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No , 1997

**GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:**

- [                    ]    Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.
- Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.
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# ACT

**To amend the Promotion of National Unity and Reconciliation Act, 1995, so as to further regulate the composition of the Committee on Amnesty; and to provide for matters connected therewith.**

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

**Amendment of section 17 of Act 34 of 1995**

**1.** Section 17 of the Promotion of National Unity and Reconciliation Act, 1995, is hereby amended— 5

- (a) by the substitution for subsections (1) and (2) of the following subsections, respectively:

“(1) The Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and **[three]** not more than eleven other members who are fit and proper persons, appropriately qualified, South African citizens and broadly representative of the South African community. 10

(2) The President shall appoint the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson **[one other person]** and, after consultation with the Commission, **[two commissioners as members of the Committee]** the other members of the Committee: Provided that at least three of such other members of the Committee shall be commissioners.”; and 15

- (b) by the insertion after subsection (2) of the following subsection:

“(2A) (a) The Chairperson of the Committee may from among the members of the Committee establish a subcommittee, the chairperson of which shall be a judge as referred to in subsection (3), designated by the Chairperson of the Committee. 20

(b) Any subcommittee established in terms of paragraph (a) shall have the same powers, functions and duties as the Committee in relation to any application for amnesty submitted in terms of section 18, and to the person who submitted such application.” 25

**Short title**

**2.** This Act shall be called the Promotion of National Unity and Reconciliation Amendment Act, 1997.