
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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

REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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DIE BEVORDERING VAN
NASIONALE EENHEID EN
VERSOENING**

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.

ACT

To amend the Promotion of National Unity and Reconciliation Act, 1995, so as to further regulate the composition of the Committee on Amnesty; to extend the period within which the Commission shall complete its work; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

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

Amendment of section 17 of Act 34 of 1995, as amended by section 1 of Act 18 of 1997

1. Section 17 of the Promotion of National Unity and Reconciliation Act, 1995 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection: 5

“(1) The Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and not more than **[eleven]** 17 other members who are fit and proper persons, appropriately qualified, South African citizens and broadly representative of the South African community.”. 10

Amendment of section 43 of Act 34 of 1995

2. Section 43 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:

“(1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) and section 3 of the Promotion of National Unity and Reconciliation Second Amendment Act, 1997, the Commission shall **[within a period of 18 months from its constitution or the further period, not exceeding six months, as the President may determine]** complete its work on 30 April 1998.” 15

Transitional arrangements 20

3. (1) Notwithstanding section 43(1) of the principal Act, the Committee on Amnesty, as contemplated in Chapter 4 of the principal Act, shall complete its work on 30 June 1998.

(2) Notwithstanding section 43(1) of the principal Act, but subject to subsections (3) and (4), the Committee on Human Rights Violations and the Committee on Reparation and Rehabilitation, as contemplated in Chapters 3 and 5 of the principal Act, respectively, shall complete their work on 14 December 1997.

(3) The Committees referred to in subsection (2) shall, from 15 December 1997 until 30 June 1998, have the powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed on or assigned to them by the principal Act only in respect of— 5

(a) matters, other than matters contemplated in paragraph (b), commenced by the said Committees not later than 14 December 1997, but not yet finalised on that date; and 10

(b) matters emanating from the consideration of applications for amnesty by the Committee on Amnesty.

(4) For the purposes of the work contemplated in subsection (3), the Truth and Reconciliation Commission established by section 2 of the principal Act may, notwithstanding sections 13(1) and 24(1) of the principal Act, from time to time reduce 15 the number of members of the Committee on Human Rights Violations and the Committee on Reparation and Rehabilitation.

Short title

4. This Act shall be called the Promotion of National Unity and Reconciliation Second Amendment Act, 1997. 20