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البند ٣ من جدول الأعمال

تعزيز وحماية جميع حقوق الإنسان، المدنية والسياسية والاقتصادية والاجتماعية والثقافية، بما في ذلك الحق في التنمية

رسالة خطية من لجنة حقوق الإنسان في جنوب أفريقيا*

مذكرة من الأمانة

تحيل أمانة مجلس حقوق الإنسان طيه الرسالة الواردة من لجنة حقوق الإنسان في جنوب أفريقيا**، وهي مستنسخة أدناه وفقاً للمادة ٧(ب) من النظام الداخلي الوارد في مرفق قرار المجلس ١/٥، والتي تقضي بأن تستند مشاركة المؤسسات الوطنية لحقوق الإنسان إلى الترتيبات والممارسات التي وافقت عليها لجنة حقوق الإنسان، بما في ذلك القرار ٧٤/٢٠٠٥ المؤرخ ٢٠ نيسان/أبريل ٢٠٠٥.

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Annex

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Submission by the South Africa: Human Rights Commission

Written statement and input on the occasion of the presentation of a report by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences

Your Excellency Mr President,

I thank you for the opportunity to present this statement.

This statement is presented by the South African Human Rights Commission which is accredited with the A status and has been prepared in collaboration with the South African Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) which is tasked with advancing the promotion and protection of gender equality in South Africa.

The release and presentation of the report by the *UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, ITS CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES* is welcomed and the report will serve as a valuable intervention in South Africa's continued and relentless efforts to combat the scourge of gender based violence (GBV).

Activities that have been implemented in order to address gender based violence, include monitoring the work of numerous institutions in the country with responsibilities to combat gender based violence, key national programmes aimed at combatting gender based violence as well as the State's compliance with numerous domestic legislation and international instruments.

Particular note is also taken of the key observations and insights expressed by the Special Rapporteur in the end of mission statement released on 11 December 2015, which identified some of the challenges faced by the victims of gender based violence in South Africa, especially in critical areas such as availability of resources, efficiency and effectiveness of police investigations, issues of prosecutorial efficiency and effectiveness, issues raised in relation to the judiciary as well as the challenges faced by institutions mandated to deal with gender based violence.

The insights and observations related to the valuable work of the Thuthuzela Care Centres are most welcomed, while also noting the challenges these institutions continue to encounter as they render critical services to the victims of gender based violence and violence against women. Indeed, the Commission on Gender Equality's own research work has generated the same insights on the work of the Thuthuzela Care Centres and the challenges they face on a daily basis. In contrast there are also good stories on measures aimed at addressing GBV.

We therefore welcome this valuable report and the opportunity to identify more effective ways of dealing with gender based violence in South Africa.

Thank you, Mr President.
