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MEDIA STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CRL RIGHTS COMMISSION AFTER ITS TWO DAYS MEETING SINCE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW COMMISSIONERS

The Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities (CRL Rights Commission) had its first meeting on 04 and 05 July 2019 after the appointment of the Commissioners by the President.

The meeting reflected on what the Commission did over the last five years as well as considered some of the critical projects that will be rolled out in the coming months.

The Commissioners re-looked and re-affirmed their commitment to implement the CRL Rights Commission's mandate which is to:

- (a) promote respect for and further the protection of the rights of cultural, religious and linguistic communities.
- (b) promote and develop peace, friendship, humanity, tolerance and national unity among and within cultural, religious and linguistic communities on the basis of equality, non-discrimination and free association.
- (c) foster mutual respect among cultural, religious and linguistic communities.
- (d) promote the rights of communities to develop their historically diminished heritage
- (e) recommend the establishment or recognition of community councils

The Commissioners committed themselves in line with the CRL Act no 19 of 2002 to develop and refine a strategy that will guide the implementation of all programmes, projects and general operations of the Commission. It is envisaged that a session to refine this strategy will take place within the next thirty days.

The Commissioners committed themselves to addressing cases and complaints that have been presented to them and wish to assure the public that the CRL Rights Commission undertakes to discharge its work without fear, favour or prejudice in its quest to advance social cohesion, promote and protect cultural, religious and linguistic rights of all South African communities and in so doing facilitate mutual respect and tolerance for everyone in our diverse nation.

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