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**MEDIA STATEMENT ISSUED BY CRL RIGHTS COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF THE BAN OF PASTOR
STEVEN ANDERSON FROM ENTERING SOUTH AFRICA**

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The CRL Rights Commission has taken note of the decision made by the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Malusi Gigaba to prohibit Pastor Steven Anderson entry into South Africa.

As a Commission mandated to ensure the Promotion and Protection of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities (CRL Rights Commission) we found it totally unacceptable that any person can even dare to use religion to discriminate and attack other people's dignity.

The Chairperson of the CRL Commission, Mrs Thoko Mkhwanazi-Xaluva strongly affirms that in terms of section 185 (1) of the CRL Rights Act, the Commission must promote and develop peace, friendship, humanity, tolerance and national unity among cultural, religious and linguistic communities on the basis of equality, non-discrimination and free association.

Therefore, on this basis, the CRL Rights Commission fully supports the decision taken by the Minister of Home Affairs not to allow Pastor Anderson into our country.

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