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I've been informed that I can submit comments to you regarding the Woman Empowerment and Gender Equality Bill before the 30th of January? I trust this finds you in time.

In CHAPTER 1 'GENERAL PROVISIONS', under the heading 'Application of Act', point (1) the following is written: '*(1) Unless otherwise indicated in this Act, this Act applies to all public bodies and private bodies designated under subsection (2).*'

Unfortunately I was unable to ascertain which private bodies were and which were not indicted as I could not identify subsection (2) in the document I was provided. It may well be that religious institutions have been exempted from this bill already.

However, in the event that this has not as yet happen, I wish to point that many churches, including our own, which are freewill associations of professioning christians, practice male leadership - recognising an equality of genders, but a differentiation of roles. As such we'd be unable to comply with the Bill should we not be exempt from it.

We wait with bated breath the outcome.

Regards,

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