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FINAL MANDATE

Name of the Bill: **Women Empowerment and Gender Equality Bill**

Number of the Bill: **B50D-2013**

Date of deliberation: **Thursday, 20 March 2014**

Vote of the Legislature: **The legislature votes in favour of the Bill**


Hon JT Beukes
DEPUTY SPEAKER

2014 -03- 20

Date

NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE



FINAL MANDATE FOR THE WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND GENDER EQUALITY BILL [B50D – 2013]

(Section 76 Bills)

INTRODUCTION

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Gender, Women, Children and Persons with Disabilities, Hon GG Oliphant, tabled the Committee's negotiating mandate as adopted by the Standing Committee on **13 March 2014** on the ***Women Empowerment and Gender Equality Bill [B50B – 2013]***.

PROCESS FOLLOWED

The Speaker of the Northern Cape Provincial Legislature, on receipt, referred the ***Women Empowerment and Gender Equality Bill [B50B – 2013]*** to the Standing Committee on Gender, Women, Children and Persons with Disabilities on **25 February 2014**.

The Portfolio Committee received a briefing on the Bill from the Northern Cape's Permanent Delegate to the NCOP, Hon GG Mokgoro, at its meeting on **06 March 2014**.

One (1) public hearing was held on **11 March 2014** as per Committee resolution and both written and oral submissions were called for. The public engaged with the Members of the Provincial Legislature in respect of the Bill.

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE POSITION AT THE NEGOTIATING STAGE

The Standing Committee on Gender, Women, Children and Persons with Disabilities **supports** the Bill.

The Committee recommends to the House to confer on the Permanent Delegates the authority to participate in the negotiations.

COMMITTEE POSITION AFTER CONSIDERATION OF NEGOTIATING MANDATE BY THE NCOP SELECT COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee's Negotiating Mandate indicated that the Northern Cape will support the ***Women Empowerment and Gender Equality Bill [B50B – 2013]***.

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FINAL VOTING MANDATE

In terms of Section 65 of the Constitution, the Standing Committee on Gender, Women, Children and Persons with Disabilities recommends that the House confer authority on the Head of its Delegation to the NCOP **to vote in support** of the ***Women Empowerment and Gender Equality Bill [B50D – 2013]***.



HON GG OLIPHANT

**Chairperson: SC on Gender, Women,
Children and Persons with Disabilities**

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