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**MEMORANDUM: CRIMINAL MATTERS AMENDMENT BILL: B20-2015**

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1. The Parliamentary Committee of the General Council of the Bar of South Africa have reviewed the Criminal Matters Amendment Bill and sets out its comment in his memorandum.
2. The negative effect that the proposed amendments will have on the rights of persons has to be weighed against the advantages that it will create in combatting crime affecting essential infrastructure.
3. It is considered that the benefits gained by the amendment outweigh the disadvantages relating to the granting of bail and the imposition of minimum sentences.
4. There are no areas of concern that we wish to raise.

DATED AT **CAPE TOWN** ON THIS **16th** DAY OF **SEPTEMBER 2015**.



**ADV J BUTLER (SC)**

Chairperson of the  
Parliamentary Committee of  
the GCB