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Ms Nonhlanhla Ncube-Ndaba, MP

Chairperson: Ad Hoc Committee on the Filling of Vacancies in the

Commission for Gender Equality

Parliament

Cape Town

Per Email: nondaba@parliament.gov.za

Dear Ms Ncube-Ndaba

We write to you regarding the schedule for the filling of vacancies in the Commission for Gender Equality.

The Council for the Advancement of the South African Constitution (CASAC) notes with dismay that the extension that was provided for public comments to CASAC by the committee in an email dated 12 December 2016 has not been adhered to.

A media statement providing information relating to the relevant contact person who would receive the public comments and objections was only shared by the committee on 30 January 2017, after various discussions were held with the Committee secretaries who assured us that they understood our concerns.

This is effectively a week later than the proposed date of 23 January 2017.

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We appeal to the Committee to reconsider the closing date for public comments for the 71 applications and nominations received, for the filling of vacancies in the Commission for Gender Equality and allow for adequate, full participation in the process.

The email dated 12 December 2016, has also been attached for ease of reference.

Yours sincerely

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