

BACKGROUND

The objectives of the Bill is supported,

The ONE MISSION principle is crucial to the effective functioning of a Missions Objectives abroad. A South African Police Service Officer deployed to a Mission abroad serves to function in the best interests of South Africa’s broad foreign policy objectives.

The SAPS as an Organisation contributes to achieving these objectives by making a significant input by dealing with Foreign Crime Threats that impact on South Africa.

As such the SAPS cannot function in isolation within a South African Mission abroad, The SAPS Liaison Officer requires the assistance of the Head of Mission as well as other Officers deployed,

Example,

Networking challenges are resolved by the Head of Missions intervention to assist in facilitating better communication with relevant Ministries, Departments and Law Enforcement agencies abroad. “Assisting with opening doors”

The SAPS LO cannot function in a Mission without the support of the Corporate Service Manager (CSM), the Consular Officer or other administrative personnel in a Mission.

Similarly, Missions Foreign Objectives abroad require regular interaction with Officers from other National Departments, more especially from DHA and SSA.

And it is only the Head of Mission that can ensure the smooth interaction between all these personnel deployed in a Foreign Mission abroad.

An example is the Mission in Islamabad, where our Foreign Policy Objectives are,

Narcotics Interdiction

Immigration

Counter Terrorism

Economic Diplomacy

Military Interaction and

Counsellor Support to distressed South Africans.

In all of the above Mission Priorities, personnel from various National Departments need to work together to achieve goals.

As such, a fragmented working methodology will not serve to achieve results.

And a structure rigidly and assertively managed by the Head of Mission serves to ensure such constructive interaction.

Asset Management administered by the CSM ensures proper accountability and efficient use of capital and logistical resources.

Departmental Principals are located far away in South Africa and do not provide for a more efficient management of resources being utilised and deployed by SAPS LO’s abroad.

Hence the One Mission Principle embodied in the Bill will contribute to effective Human Resource, Financial and Asset Management and is supported.

CONCLUSION

The Bill if amended will ensure a more effective and well managed deployment of SAPS Human Resources and Assets abroad.