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**SUBMISSION TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE FUNDING OF POLITICAL ON THE  
DRAFT POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING BILL**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

The Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) is a Chapter 9 Institution and in terms of its legal mandate, obliged to evaluate proposed legislation and make recommendations to the relevant legislature. Accordingly, the CGE has taken this opportunity to evaluate the Bill on Political Party Funding and we hereby propose recommendations aimed at gender mainstreaming the aforementioned Bill.

**2. COMMENTS**

**2.1 CLAUSE 3**

The CGE does not support Clause 3(5) in its current form and recommends the following revision thereto :

An amendment 3(5) by way of an insertion that reads as follows :

Any contributor contemplated in subsection (3)(a) may request the Commission not to disclose their identity or the amount of the contribution, which request must be considered and if successful such request must only be granted for a period not later than the last date of the election for which the contribution was made.

The reason for the recommendation is that all elections are conducted in the public interest and in any legitimate democracy elections must be free, fair, independent and transparent. Therefore, the source of funding is closely linked to the aforementioned principles which are in the public interest and must be made known to the citizens of a country.



## 2.2 CLAUSE 6 Commission for Gender Equality

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The CGE does not support the clause in its current form and recommends the insertion of a new sub clause (8) which reads as follows :

(8) Any allocation must also take into account the compliance of the political party's list of candidates with Section 9 of the Constitution especially with initiatives that must be taken to promote gender equality within the ranks of all political parties.

## 2.3 CLAUSE 7

The CGE recommends an amendment to Sub -Clause 1 by way of an insertion.

An insertion at paragraph (d) that reads as follows :

(d) promoting active participation by individual citizens including the promotion of gender equality in political life,

## 3. CONCLUSION

The Commission for Gender Equality supports the proposed amendments and thanks the Ad Hoc Committee on the Funding of Political Parties for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Bill. We also trust that our comments will be considered favourably.