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**SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIAISON OFFICE SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF THE
PREVENTION AND COMBATING OF HATE CRIMES AND HATE SPEECH BILL [B9 –
2018]**

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The Southern African Liaison office (SALO) endorses the Prevention and Combating of Hate Crimes and Hate Speech Bill [B9 – 2018] for the following reasons;

- 1) It gives effect to the Republic of South Africa's international obligations regarding prejudice and intolerance. These instruments include but are not limited to the Durban Declaration against Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerances; The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other related treaties of international standing.
- 2) It assists in upholding the Rights that are enshrined in the South African Constitution's Bill of Rights, Sections 9 (The Right to Equality), 10 (The Right to Human Dignity), and 12(1) (The Right to Freedom and Security of the Person).
- 3) It grants further provisions for exacerbation of sentencing for criminal cases of people found guilty of committing Hate Crimes and Hate Speech;
- 4) It creates an additional layer of repercussions when one conducts Hate Crimes or Hate Speech, thus providing an additional punitive and rehabilitative step towards rehabilitating those who conduct Hate Crimes and Hate Speech
- 5) Finally, it acts as an additional deterrent for potential perpetrators of hate crime and hate speech in South Africa.

However, there are aspects of the Bill that would require some necessary strengthening to meet all stated objectives, for examples the omission of the relevant statutes like the Ekurhuleni Declaration, and the other relevant international resolutions and statutes designed to combat hate crimes and other relevant crimes of hate internationally.

Therefore SALO would kindly request an opportunity to present before the Committee, to make an expanded verbal presentation on our submission.

Yours Faithfully

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