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## DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN, YOUTH AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

## NATIONAL COUNCIL ON GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE BILL, 2021

The Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities intends introducing the National Council on Gender Based Violence and Femicide Bill, 2021, to parliament in the current financial year. An explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with section 9 (e) of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000.

The Bill seeks to establish a multi sectoral, independent and non – partisan advisory body, comprising of representatives from both the government and civil society organisations to ensure effective coordination and implementation of the National Strategic Plan on Gender – Based Violence and Femicide.

This envisaged structure will be called a National Council on Gender Based Violence and Femicide; and shall be accountable to a Board. Whereas, the National Council on Gender Based Violence and Femicide Secretariat unit led by the Chief Executive Officer will provide technical and administrative support to the Council.

Copies of the Bill can be obtained from Ms Nondumiso Ngqulunga, Director: Legal Services, Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, No.36 Hamilton Street, Arcadia, Pretoria, Cell: 076 7929 142 or Nondumiso.Ngqulunga@women.gov.za