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**MEDIA STATEMENT BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION
CONCERNING ITS RELEASE OF DISCUSSION PAPER 129 ON STATUTORY LAW
REVISION IN RESPECT OF LEGISLATION ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PROJECT 25)**

The South African Law Reform Commission (SALRC) has been mandated with the task of revising all legislation administered by national Government Departments with a view to identifying and recommending for repeal or amendment legislation or provisions in legislation that are inconsistent with the right to equality in the 1996 Constitution, or which are redundant or obsolete. As part of this investigation, the SALRC hereby releases Discussion Paper 129 containing proposals for the repeal or amendment of legislation administered by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DOJCD) for general information and comment.

Following the review of principal legislation administered by the DOJCD that regulates the legal profession, courts and other institutions; civil procedure and evidence; substantive criminal law; civil law; wills, estates and insolvency; and constitutional and political legislation, the SALRC provisionally proposes in the Justice Laws Repeal and Amendment Bill contained in Annexure B of the Discussion Paper that:

- The Natal Advocates and Attorneys Preservation of Rights Act 27 of 1939; the Black High Court Abolition Act 13 of 1954; the Riotous Assemblies Act 17 of 1956; the Special Courts for Blacks Abolition Act 34 of 1986; the Indemnity Acts 61 of 1961 and 13 of 1977 and the Magistrates Courts Amendment Act 120 of 1993, be repealed wholly.
- Other miscellaneous statutes administered by DOJCD be amended to the extent set out in Schedule 2 of the Bill.

The SALRC also provisionally proposes that the Human Rights Commission Act 54 of 1994 be amended to the extent set out in the Human Rights Commission Amendment Bill contained in Annexure C of the Discussion Paper.

The SALRC invites comments on the proposed repeals or amendment of the legislation concerned. The SALRC would appreciate receiving comments by 29 February 2012 at the following address:

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Discussion Paper 129 is available on the internet at the following site: <http://www.justice.gov.za/salrc/dpapers.htm>. The Discussion Paper is also obtainable free of charge from the SALRC upon request (please contact in this regard Mr Jacob Kabini at (012) 392 9540).

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