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Human rights institutions: developments in December 1998 in relation to South Africa's institutions supporting constitutional democracy (Public Protector, SAHRC, CGE, Electoral Commission, IBA, TRC and Commission on Restitution of Land Rights).

NB: See also similar reports in all monthly issues of Human Rights Report, Dec. 1997 – Nov.1998

Date: 06-12-98 Source: Reconstruct, No.38 Page: 6-9

Various short art. on human rights issues in South Africa: a.o. children's rights violated + women's rights protected in words, not in action.

Date: 02-12-98 Source: Government Gazette, No.19537 Number of pages: 21

Office of the President – Domestic Violence Act, 1998 (No.116 of 1998): to provide for the issuing of protection orders with regard to domestic violence in South Africa.

Date: 02-12-98 Source: Government Gazette, No.19539 Number of pages: 15

Office of the President – Recognition of Customary Marriages Act, 1998 (No.120 of 1998): on the requirements for and recognition of customary marriages in South Africa, equal status of spouses in customary marriages, proprietary consequences, etc.

Date: 00-12-98 Source: Democracy Watch, No.4, 1998 Page: 10-13

Cautionary rule overturned (rule, stressing 'unreliability' of story told by rape victim, abolished in South Africa; p.10) + Advancing the role of women (stressing the need to change attitudes and perceptions on women in South Africa; p.11) + Women lag behind: main findings CSS report on (inequality between) men and women in South Africa (p.12/13).

Date: 27-11-98 Source: Government Gazette, No.19513 Number of pages: 53

Office of the President – Maintenance Act, 1998 (No.99 of 1998): to restate and amend certain laws relating to maintenance in South Africa.

Date: 22-11-98 Source: Reconstruct, No.36 Page: 4/5

Although they are flawed, new bills will get South African women out of the dark: various art. on the Domestic Violence Bill, Customary Marriages Bill and Maintenance Bill.

Date: 12-11-98 Source: Debates of the NCOP, No.11 Column: 2999-3018

Proceedings of the National Council of Provinces, 3-12/11/98 : incl. debates on the Recognition of Customary Marriages Bill.

Date: 09-11-98 Source: DOK. 7.4 Number of pages: 2

Reviewing the laws that discriminate against women in Malawi (by Hazwell Kanjaye; IPS).

Date: 08-11-98 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 2

Men mutter about law that makes spouses equal (Recognition of Customary Marriages Bill) + Fast-tracking of violence bill foils 'white males': on debate about the Domestic Violence Bill in South Africa. [Sunday Independent]

Date: 04-11-98 Source: Debates of the National Assembly, No.20 Column: 7178-7304

Proceedings of the National Assembly in South Africa, 2-4/11/98: incl. debate on the Recognition of Customary Marriages Bill.

Date: 00-11-98 Source: DOK. 3.2 Number of pages: 8

Amalungelo: paper for the campaign 'Women's Rights are Human Rights' in South Africa, 25/11-10/12/98; mainly articles on the Domestic Violence Act and violence against women in South(ern) Africa and programme of the campaign.

Date: 00-11-98 Source: DOK. 11.1 Page: 33-115

Assessing knowledge of human rights among the general population and selected target groups (researched for EU Foundation for Human Rights by P. Pigou a.o. of CASE; 195 p.); detailed results national survey in March-April 1998 a.o. on human rights for women (p.33-53), children (p.54-71), disabled people (p.72-94) and prisoners (p.95-115) in South Africa. (Figures)

Date: 00-09-98 Source: AFLA Quarterly, July-Sept.1998 Page: 7-10

50 Years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the rights of women in Africa. (by prof. Akua Kuenyehia, University of Ghana).

Date: 00-09-98 Source: AFLA Quarterly, July-Sept.1998 Page: 38-40

Interview with Judge Unity Dow: first female judge in Botswana (since January 1998) – about her new position, previous work in defending the rights of women and of course, the Dow case.

Date: 00-09-98 Source: Crime & conflict, No.13 Page: 21-24

The least formal sector: Women in sex work (Ted Leggett, Indicator Project SA); the legal status of sex work is currently being debated in the courts and among selected officials but the public suffers from serious misconceptions of the industry. (References)

Date: 01-08-98 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 2

Tradities botsen met grondwet van Zuid-Afrika: eeuwenoude gebruiken in Zuid-Afrika als de lobola (bruidschat) staan op gespannen voet met moderne westerse gebruiken. Zelfs Mandela betaalde 60 koeien voor zijn bruid Graca. [Volkskrant]

Date: 00-08-98 Source: Women's Health News, No.27 Page: 1-28

A favourable abortion judgement! (on Pretoria High Court rejection of rightwing Christian challenge to the Choice of Termination of Pregnancy Act; p.1/2) a.o. short articles on women's health issues and activities in South Africa (and worldwide); incl. South Africa's population policy (p.11-13) and the new maternity benefits in South Africa (p.14/15).

Date: 00-08-98 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 13

Positive state duties to protect women from violence: Recent South African developments (Helene Combrinck, UWC); review impact of the new South African Constitution and international law (CEDAW etc.) on the issue of violence against women in South Africa. (Notes) [Human Rights Quarterly, Vol.20, No.3, p.666-690]

Date: 00-07-98 Source: WomanPlus, Vol.3, No.2 Page: 3-11

Do we have a culture of human rights in Zimbabwe: a gender perspective by Lydia Zigomo (p.3-5) + Women's rights in Zimbabwe's constitution (Ellen Sithole, Univ. of Zimbabwe; p.6/7) + The UN Declaration on human rights and Zimbabwean women (Fungayi Jessie Majome, ZimRights; p.9-11).

Date: 30-06-98 Source: NGO Matters, Vol.3, No.6 Page: 7/8

The right to life – a women 's life (on consequences new Termination of Pregnancy Act in South Africa).

Date: 21-06-98 Source: Reconstruct, No.16 Page: 1/2

A strange ally for violence against women: customary law denies women some of the most fundamental of human rights in South Africa.

Date: 20-06-98 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 1

Victimised and condemned: women who kill long-time abusers feel full weight of the law, but men get lighter sentences. [Saturday Star]

Date: 24-05-98 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 1

Arguing over abortus pitches the rights of women against those of the foetus (Cathi Albertyn, commissioner for the Commission on Gender Equality). [Sunday Independent]

Date: 00-04-98 Source: DOK. 11.3 Number of pages: 19

The harmonisation of the common law and the indigenous law: Succession in customary law (Issue paper 12, South African Law Commission); review current rules for succession in SA, both under common and customary law and the implications of the new Constitution; incl. rules on succession to women. (Notes)

Date: 00-04-98 Source: DOK. 11.3 Number of pages: 109

The harmonisation of the common law and the indigenous law: Conflicts of law (Discussion paper 76, South African Law Commission); general principles for application of customary law in South Africa, role courts in common and customary law, marriage, wills and succession, conflicts between different systems of customary law, etc. + recommendations. (Bibliography)

Date: 00-03-98 Source: Agenda, No.36, 1998 Page: 19-22

Sexual harassment? It's a no-go area: the Employment Equity Bill fails to prescribe effective measures to deal with sexual harassment, according to Patricia Kumalo (SHEP); health and safety regulation could be one solution. (References)

Date: 00-03-98 Source: Agenda, No.36, 1998 Page: 68-71

The Women's Convention: change in social practice crucial – good resources and commitment to women's human rights are pointless if women are unable to exercise choices because they fear violence, says Kamogelo Lebuko-Wilderson (NIPILAR); on implementation CEDAW in South Africa. (References)

Date: 00-03-98 Source: AFLA Quarterly, Jan-March 1998 Page: 6-25

The rights of women in Muslim societies (Dr. Nabil A. Hilmy, Zagazig University, Egypt). (Notes)

Date: 00-02-98 Source: Women's Health News, No.25 Page: 22/23

Policy waytch: Reporting abortion – abridged version of an analysis of media coverage of the Choice on Termination Pregnancy Act by the Media Monitoring Project.

Date: 30-01-98 Source: DOK. 5.1 Number of pages: 14

US State Department: South Africa Country Report on Human Rights Practices for 1997 – Introduction + sections on political violence, torture, detentions, freedom of speech and press, freedom of religion, political rights, discrimination of women and children and of racial or ethnic minorities, worker rights, etc. [www.state.gov/www/global/human_rights/1997]

Date: 00-12-97 Source: Black Sash National Newsletter, Dec.1997 Page: 1-5

Focus on domestic workers and social security: summary Black Sash submission to Dept of Labour on the need to include domestic workers under the provisions of the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act (p.1-3) a.o. art. on the legal rights of domestic workers in South Africa.

Date: 00-12-97 Source: Agenda, No.35, 1997 Page: 6-17

Labour reform: Addressing women's needs (Roseline Nyman, NALEDI); overview of the new labour laws and their impact on women in the workforce, highlighting their shortcomings in meeting women's needs in the labour market (Basic Conditions of Employment Bill, Labour Relations Act, government policy on employment equity in South Africa). (References)

Date: 06-11-97 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 13

National Legal Manual for Counsellors Abused Women – index (table of contents with all the chapters of this manual).

Date: 00-11-97 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 4

"Mijn ex denkt dat onze kinderen niks kosten": Zuid-Afrikaanse vrouwen knokken eindeloos voor alimentatie – reportage Evelien Groenink over de activiteiten van het Actiecomitee voor Alimentatie en de overheid ter verbetering van de alimentatie-regelingen voor vrouwen in Zuid-Afrika. [Opzij, november 1997]

Date: 00-09-97 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 98

Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) – First South African Report: government report on the situation of women in South Africa relating to all 16 CEDAW articles (incl. political life, education, employment, health, rural women, legal rights, etc.) + specific recommendation on violence against women. [www.polity.org.za/govdocs]

Date: 00-09-97 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 24

Tshwaranang Update, Vol.1, Nos.1-3, March-September 1997 – Newsletter Tshwaranang Legal Advocacy Centre to end violence against women in Johannesburg: art. on legal aspects of the position of women in South Africa, esp. on violence against women and the activities of Tshwaranang itself.

Date: 00-09-97 Source: Agenda, No.34, 1997 Page: 94-97

Prioritising women's rights: the Commission on Gender Equality – Joy Watson, gender co-ordinator of the Institute of Multi-Party Democracy in Cape Town, reports on a focus meeting on the role of the newly established Commission on Gender Equality in South Africa. (References)

Date: 31-08-97 Source: Human Rights Report, August 1997 Page: 12-23

Human rights institutions: developments in August 1998 in relation to South Africa's institutions supporting constitutional democracy (Public Protector, SAHRC, CGE, Electoral Commission, IBA, TRC and Commission on the Restitution of Land Rights).

NB: See also similar reports in Human Rights Report, June + July 1997 and previous issues

Date: 31-08-97 Source: Human Rights Report, August 1997 Page: 52-56

Special focus: Women's rights – the constitutional bedrock, progressive legislation, state institutions, where are women now?, violence against women and conclusion.

Date: 21-08-97 Source: Debates of the National Assembly, No.14 Column: 4170-42424

Proceedings of the National Assembly, 19-21/8/1997: a.o. on steps taken to achieve gender equality.

Date: 00-08-97 Source: Human Rights Watch/Africa, Vol.9, No.4(A) Number of pages: 54

South Africa: Violence against women and the medico-legal system; incl. state response to and internat. & national law on violence against women, role of the medico-legal system, use of medical evidence by the criminal justice system, government proposals for reform, conclusions + recommendations (References)

Date: 00-08-97 Source: DOK. 11.3 Number of pages: 42

Summaries of judgements given by the Constitutional Court of South Africa (Lawyers for Human Rights): summaries of 20 cases before the Constitutional Court since Feb. 1995 – a.o. on death penalty, juvenile whipping, discrimination against women, censorship, granting of amnesty (by TRC), retroactive application of the Constitution, etc.

Date: 00-08-97 Source: DOK. 11.3 Number of pages: 163

South African Law Commission Discussion Paper 74: Customary marriages (Project 90: The harmonisation of the common law and the indigenous law); background (customary law and the constitution), recognition and essentials customary marriage (a.o. brideswealth issue), consequences of marriage, divorce, etc. + recommendations. Annex: (draft) Customary Marriages Bill.

Date: 00-08-97 Source: Women's Health News, No.23 Number of pages: 28

Various art. on women's health issues and activities in South Africa, incl. programme of the Women's Health Project and violence against women issues (a.o. comment on the new Domestic Violence Bill; p.16/17).

Date: 16-07-97 Source: DOK. 7.4 Number of pages: 4

Women intensify efforts to gain political power + Region under pressure to review discriminatory laws: SARDC-reports on the various initiatives/organisations/campaigns in Southern African countries to improve the participation of women in politics, ngo's, etc. and to review laws that discriminate against them.

Date: 00-06-97 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 16

Gender Policy Considerations – Draft discussion paper for public consultation (Dept of Justice): guiding principles and outline of a gender policy for the Department of Justice in South Africa, both within the department and in relation to women's access to justice (incl. violence against women), crime, role of the courts, etc.

Date: 00-06-97 Source: Agenda, No.33, 1997 Page: 89/90

Penalties on motherhood: the Unemployment Insurance Act – Ranjit j Purshotam of the Legal Resources Centre in Durban argues for review of the Unemployment Act which prohibits women contributors from claiming both maternity and unemployment benefits.

Date: 00-03-97 Source: Agenda, No.32, 1997 Page: 63-65

Trade union women investigate working women's rights: Saranel Benjamin (School for Trade Union Women) reports on the National Conference for Trade Union Women in Durban in Nov. 1996 which drew-up and endorsed a Charter for Working Women's Rights.

Date: 00-02-97 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 40

Review of the maintenance system (SAn Law Commission, Issue Paper 5): examination of legal a.o. issues in relation to the maintenance system in South Africa, incl. the role of the courts and options for reform. (Notes & sources)

Date: 00-02-97 Source: Women's Health News, No.21 Page: 1-25

Various short art. on (women's) health issues in South Africa and internationally, incl. on CEDAW (p.22).

Date: 00-02-97 Source: Women's Health News, No.21 Page: 26/27

The economic implications of the Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Bill on the health services and for women in South Africa: edited version of Women's Health Research Unit (WHRU) at UCT presentation on abortion to Parliamentary Select Committee on Health.

Date: 31-01-97 Source: Mail & Guardian, Vol.13 no.4 Page: 11

Medical units ill-prepared for abortion: organisational and infra-structural problems medical units, likely to make this week's legalisation of abortion not effective.

Date: 28-01-97 Source: DOK. 12.1 Number of pages: 2

Choice on termination of pregnancy: press statement Dept of Health on the impact of the new abortion law in South Africa (coming into effect on 1/2/97).

Date: 00-01-97 Source: DOK. 11.1 Number of pages: 244

Domestic violence – SAn Law Commission, Discussion Paper 70: to prepare new legislation on domestic violence; extensive review (esp. legal) problems in relation to domestic violence in South Africa (incl. violence against women and children), based on earlier paper and large number of comments from NGOs etc; incl. summary of recommendation and extensive bibliography.

Date: 00-01-97 Source: Crime and Conflict, No.8, Summer 1997 Page: 14-17

Rape sentencing: Serving whose interests? (Naomi Webster, CALS, Univ. of Witwatersrand); critical examination of the rape laws and sentencing procedures in South Africa, which have largely failed given the high incidence of rape and the fact that survivors are seldom present during sentencing. (References)

Date: 00-01-97 Source: DOK. 5.1 Page: 1-12

Human rights review 1996 (Human Rights Committee of SA; 84 p.): developments in South(ern) Africa in 1996 in relation to human rights issues, incl. statistical summary (p.1-4), legislation in parliament (both general trends and spec. bills, esp. on abortion and censorship; p.5-10) and South Africa's position in international human rights conventions (p.10-12).

Date: 00-01-97 Source: DOK. 5.1 Page: 26-36

Human rights review 1996 (Human Rights Committee of SA; 84 p.): developments in South(ern) Africa in 1996 in relation to human rights issues, incl. South Africa's human rights institutions: Human Rights Commission, Public Protector, Gender Commission, Pan SAn Language Board + Land Claims Commission and Land Court (p.26-30) and Truth and Reconciliation Commission (p.30-36).

Date: 00-01-97 Source: Policy: Issues and Actors, Vol.10, No.1 Number of pages: 21

Custom and justice: The traditional legal system – problems and possibilities (Louise Stack, CPS); examination of the implications of the recognition of customary (next to common) law and traditional African (next to modern) structures in South Africa's constitution, esp. on the rights of women and the role of traditional courts. (Notes)

Date: 11-12-96 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 3

Press statements by the Dept of Health on the Choice a.o. on Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1996 (signing by president, implementation as from 1/2/97, etc.; 2 p.).

Date: 00-12-96 Source: Black Sash National Newsletter, Dec.1996 Page: 1-16

Black Sash comment on the White Paper for Social Welfare (p.1/2) + the gender approach of Black Sash (p.11), comment on the Abortion Bill (p.12), etc.

Date: 00-12-96 Source: Journal of Southern African Studies, Vol.22 No.4 Page: 585-598

Intergenerational family care: legacy of the past, implications for the future / Sandra Burman (UCT) – Study effects of child care by grandparents in lower-income multi-generational families in Cape Town (based on interviews) and the long-term effects of apartheid legislation family and household patterns, and future welfare provisions. (notes)

Date: 00-12-96 Source: DOK. 7.4 Page: 5-64

Women and Law in Southern Africa (WLSA; 232 p.): Regional impact study report – summarised review findings WLSA study on the legal situation of women in six Southern African countries (p.5-18) + six country reports, a.o. on Botswana (by Puleto E. Kidd & Deletso D. Mokobi; p.19-40) and Lesotho (by Puleng Letuka & Keiso Matashane; p.41-64). Annexes.

Date: 22-11-96 Source: Government Gazette, No.17602 Number of pages: 11

President's office – Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1996 (No.92 of 1996): to determine the circumstances in which and conditions under which the pregnancy of a woman may be terminated. [also: DOK. 3.1, 22/11/96]

Date: 15-11-96 Source: Mail & Guardian, Vol.12 no.46 Page: 14

ANC to act over abortion vote: ANC may discipline MP Jennifer FERGUSON over her abstaining in voting (for the) abortion bill.

Date: 15-11-96 Source: Democracy in action, Vol.10 no.6 Page: 6-7

Ryland v Edros: report of court case between Muslim man and his wife, for the first time recognising the Muslim marriage giving greater possibilities for equality for muslim women.

Date: 00-11-96 Source: DOK. 1.2 Number of pages: 5

COSATU Information Digest, November 1996 (No.1): mainly on COSATU's recent submissions in parliament on the Telecommunications Bill and Termination of Pregnancy Bill + COSATU's education and training activities (for members, staff and shopstewards).

Date: 00-11-96 Source: Mayibuye, Vol.7, No.10, Nov. 1996 Page: 9

Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Bill – 1996: the passing of this bill in parliament should count as a step towards victory for the ANC.

Date: 31-10-96 Source: Human Rights Report, Oct. 1996 Page: 4-15

Legislative developments in parliament: bills tabled and passed, a.o. on the Criminal Procedure Amendment Bills, Demobilisation Bill, Child Care Amendment Bill, Choice of Termination of Pregnancy Bill, etc.

Date: 30-10-96 Source: DOK. 12.1 Number of pages: 1

National Assembly passes Abortion Bill: adoption controversial Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Bill by the South African parliament.

Date: 30-10-96 Source: DOK. 12.1 Number of pages: 2

Abortion on request the law from today: bitter dispute in Parliament, but abortion bill will be carried by ANC majority. [Star, 30/10/96] + Abortion bill is milestone on road to women's rights: letter by Dr Abe Nkomo, Chairperson National Assembly Portfolio Committee on Health. [Sunday Independent, 3/11/96]

Date: 18-10-96 Source: Mail & Guardian, Vol.12 no.42 Page: 26

ANC must back abortion Bill: appeal feminist Nomboniso Gasa for ANC to back abortion Bill as central to women's emancipation.

Date: 16-10-96 Source: DOK. 12.1 Number of pages: 2

Abortion Bill is under the spotlight (viewpoints on abortion of the Medical Research Council, one of the pro-choice organisations in South Africa) + Church group opposes Bill (position International Fellowship of Christian Churches against the Termination of Pregnancy Bill in SA). [Sowetan]

Date: 15-10-96 Source: Afrika sud, Nr.5 Page: 15-16

Tag der Frau: review situation of women in South Africa, (new) rights, position as labour force, health etc.

Date: 15-10-96 Source: DOK. 1.2 Number of pages: 6

COSATU submission on the Termination of Pregnancy Bill to the Portfolio Committee on Health: on the right to choose for women in general and spec. sections of the Bill, proposed amendments to the Bill and the need for an effective review process on the operation of the Bill.

Date: 00-10-96 Source: African Communist, No.145 Page: 93-95

Free choice! – An open letter to ANC MPs: by Nomboniso Gasa, feminist activist aligned to SACP and ANC, in relation to the parliamentary debate on the Termination of Pregnancy (abortion) Bill.

Date: 20-09-96 Source: Mail & Guardian, Vol.12 no.38 Page: 12

Catholic bishops ready to fight abortion law in highest court: report on Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC) preparing opposition against liberalisation of abortion law. Incl. progress of the Bill.

Date: 05-09-96 Source: Government Gazette, No.17412 Number of pages: 5

President's Office: Births and Deaths Registration Amendment Act, 1996 (No.40 of 1996) – to amend the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1992, so as to define the expression "child born out of wedlock"; and to make provision for the recognition of customary unions concluded according to indigenous law or custom and marriages according to any religion.

Date: 00-09-96 Source: Women's Health News, No.20 Page: 4

The Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Bill: report and comment on the parliamentary debate on this bill. [see also Supplement with text bill]

Date: 00-09-96 Source: Women's Health News, Suppl. Number of pages: 4

Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Bill: to determine the circumstances in which and conditions under which the pregnancy of a woman may be terminated (full text bill).

Date: 00-09-96 Source: Agenda, No.30 Page: 79-83

The Termination of Pregnancy Bill faces a contested passage: whether women have the right to abortion on demand, within the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, will be decided in Parliament, but even if passed, several challenges to the Bill's constitutionality are expected (Michelle O'Sullivan, legal adviser). (References)

Date: 00-09-96 Source: Indicator SA, Vol.13, No.4 Page: 50-54

Working women: Equity and affirmative action (Urmila Bhoola) – implications of the new South African constitution and the Labour Relations Act for the position of working women, suggesting various proactive ways of achieving equity for women in the workplace.

Date: 31-08-96 **Source: Human Rights Report, Aug. 1996** **Page: 22-26**

Special focus on women's rights in South Africa – overview present situation, (legal) instruments, measures to protect women's rights, etc.

Date: 30-08-96 **Source: DOK. 11.3** **Page: 2**

'Nothing funny' about new censorship draft bill (on processing Films and Publications Bill by parliament, incl. impact bill on women in South Africa).

Date: 17-08-96 **Source: DOK. 3.1** **Number of pages: 2**

Loyalty of conviction – abortion becoming a watershed issue for ANC (on different positions and debate within ANC about abortion bill in parliament). [Saturday Star]

Date: 00-08-96 **Source: Women's Health News, No.19** **Page: 1/2**

Reproductive rights and the constitution: review clauses in the new South African constitution which guarantee reproductive rights and health of women (by Michelle O'Sullivan of the Reproductive Rights Alliance in Johannesburg).

Date: 00-08-96 **Source: Mayibuye, Vol.7, No.7, Aug. 1996** **Page: 8/9**

Commission to protect gender equality set up soon: on process to establish commission, its functions, etc.

Date: 24-07-96 **Source: Government Gazette, No.17341** **Number of pages: 19**

President's office – Commission on Gender Equality Act, 1996 (No.39 of 1996): to provide for the composition, powers, functions and functioning of the Commission on Gender Equality.

Date: 04-07-96 **Source: DOK. 4.1** **Number of pages: 1**

ANC Press statement on the Abortion Bill passed by the cabinet (supporting the Termination of Pregnancy Bill as a positive development for the health situation and rights of women in South Africa).

Date: 00-06-96 **Source: Fast Facts, No.6/96** **Page: 7**

In search of sex: the Commission on Gender Equality Bill, passed in the Senate on 10/5/96, will give a state-appointed commission the power to 'monitor and evaluate policies and practices... of private business, enterprises and institutions, in order to promote gender equality' and to 'make any recommendations that the commission deems necessary'.

Date: 00-06-96 **Source: Agenda, No.29** **Page: 104-108**

Have our efforts paid off? – critical examination of the (working draft of the) new South African constitution, spec. in relation to entrenching equality, women's rights etc. and issues which still need improvement (by Fayeeza Kathree, Legal Resources Centre, Johannesburg).

Date: 15-04-96 **Source: Democracy in Action, Vol.10/2** **Page: 16-18**

Maintenance: Failed by their fathers – most South African fathers abandon their children; as a result, over 60% of South Africa's children live in dire poverty – esp. on the (legal) situation around the maintenance system in SA – mainly for women).

Date: 10-04-96 **Source: DOK. 20.1** **Number of pages: 6**

Curriculum vitae of Mmatshilo MOTSEI, Director of Domestic Abuse Prevention and Training centre in Alexandra and South African government advisor on women (gender) issues.

Date: 04-04-96 **Source: DOK. 11.3** **Page: 2**

Parliamentary Whip (Idasa): a.o. Women want more change ... though much has changed already (mainly on parliament's role in improving the status of women in South Africa).

Date: 01-04-96 **Source: Afrika sud, Nr.2** **Page: 19-22**

SADEC-brief 1-96: Die Lage der Frauen – general review of the situation of women in Southern Africa (legal position, war and refugees, the burden of economic reforms, and AIDS).

Date: 00-04-96 Source: Land Update, No.46 Page: 14/15

Gender and land reform: many rural women are still not able to own land in their own right; despite government commitment to change this, it remains a complex legal and constitutional issue which needs to be sorted out. (Donna Hornby)

Date: 00-04-96 Source: DOK. 3.2 Number of pages: 15

Handbook on National Machinery for Advancing Gender Equality and Issues for discussion in the establishment of provincial machinery: discussion document prepared by the Centre for Applied Legal Studies and Commonwealth Secretariat for Dept of Welfare and Population Development (on gender equality promoting structures both in and outside the South African government).

Date: 12-03-96 Source: DOK. 11.3 Number of pages: 2

Press statement by the Parliament of SA on the elimination of discrimination of women: on release of parliament/senate commissioned research reports and reviews on the quality of life and the status of women in South Africa + the establishment of a Joint Committee on the monitoring of the implementation of CEDAW (international convention) in South Africa.

Date: 08-03-96 Source: DOK. 3.2 Number of pages: 7

Statements on International Women's Day, March 8 1996: a.o. message of the ANC Women's League (general on situation and legal position of women in South Africa; 3 p.).

Date: 00-03-96 Source: Agenda, No.28 Page: 66-70

Scrap the Sexual Offences Act: the archaic provisions of the Sexual Offences Act contradict the Interim Constitution's guarantees of human rights for all. Naomi Webster (CALS) argues for the abolition of the Act and the retention of sexual orientation in the final Constitution. (References & foot notes)

Date: 00-03-96 Source: Track Two, Vol.5, No.1 Page: 21-25

Not only sly – but stupid: Racial and gender issues in the lower courts (Ilze Olckers); lessons from training courses on race and gender bias for lower courts magistrates in South Africa (p.21/22) + Conflict resolution in African customary law (Sam Rugege): debate on role customary courts in Africa and possible integration with modern western courts (p.23-25).

Date: 08-02-96 Source: DOK. 4.1 Number of pages: 2

ANC Press statement on prof. Hennie Kotze's survey on the (opinions about the) death penalty and abortion in South Africa.

Date: 28-01-96 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 2

Justice is blind to the mothers who pay while their men play – day after day desperate women queue at the maintenance court hoping for a champion in their battle to extract support for the children, but in the end many give up: the incompetence and indifference that they encounter at the court defeat not only them but also justice. [Sunday Independent]

Date: 02-01-96 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 1

Empowering women: the year 1996 will usher in of a new era in the lives of women as their rights are implemented by the Government – implications of ratification UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) by the SA parliament in Dec. 1995. [Sowetan]

Date: 00-01-96 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 58

We won't be beaten: A guide to the Prevention of Family Violence Act (NIPILAR); defining abuse, actions that battered women may take for themselves and their children, understanding the Family Violence Act, 1993 etc.

Date: 00-01-96 Source: DOK. 11.3 Number of pages: 31

Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS) Annual Report, Jan.Dec.1995: section on some of their projects (p.37-67), i.c. gender research (legal and constitutional rights of women; 7 p.), AIDS law and activities AIDS Consortium (16 p.), gay rights (2 p.) and land rights (land reform etc.; 6 p.).

Date: 15-12-95 Source: Democracy in Action, Vol. 9/7 Page: 10/11

A necessary irritant? If the newly established Human Rights Commission needs a fearless voice, it has it in Rhoda Kadalie (profile/int. former UWC gender equity officer en now HRC Commissioner Rhoda KADALIE on human rights violations in South Africa, her position on gender equality, etc.)

Date: 08-12-95 Source: Mail and Guardian Page: 26

Lobola, polygyny and the law: opinion of Etienne Mureinik of provisions of equality in the new (draft) constitutions with regard to customary and traditional law on the issue of women (the draft sees equality as a sovereign value according to Mureinik).

Date: 01-12-95 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 32

Women at work: A survey and recommendations on aspects of South African women's position in the workplace (Roseline Nyman & Xolile Caga; NALEDI RR 13/95) – research report on trends in women's employment, wage equity, sexual harassment + women and legislation. (graphs/tables/notes/bibliography)

Date: 00-12-95 Source: SA Journal on Human Rights, Vol.11, No.4 Page: 571-587

Discrimination against lesbians in family law (by D. Singh; p.571-581) + Why should there be an abortion clause in the final constitution (by J. Sarkin; p.582-587).

Date: 00-12-95 Source: LHR Rights, Vol.2, Dec.1995 Page: 24-31

The right to abortion: a constitutional perspective (I. Olckers; p.24-27) + Sexuality education is a right that can save lives (A. Strode; p.28-31).

Date: 00-12-95 Source: Agenda, No.27 Page: 42-54

Abortion is a women's right: arguments for legalising abortion and providing adequate infrastructure to secure women's reproductive rights and freedom in South Africa(p.42-47) + Opposing abortion: ACDP MP sees abortion as a form of child abuse and murder which should be penalised as such (p.48-54). (both: References)

Date: 00-12-95 Source: Agenda, No.27 Page: 55-61

It's safer on the streets: critical examination of the practice of legal abortions in South Africa, based on interviews with women who had been granted legal abortion + recommendations to improve that situation (Liz Walker, Wits University). (Notes & references)

Date: 00-12-95 Source: Agenda, No.27 Page: 81-89

CEDAW: eliminating discrimination against women – Sindiso Ngaba (UWC) explains the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), setting out internationally acceptable standards and procedures for achieving equal rights for women, its relevance to South Africa and the need for the South African government to ratify the convention. (References)

Date: 00-12-95 Source: Agenda, No.27 Page: 111-114

Divorce: attorney Fawzia Khan examines the changing marital and divorce legislation in South Africa and explores discriminatory judicial attitudes towards marital property regime disputes and maintenance awards. (Notes & references)

Date: 00-12-95 Source: DOK. 3.2 Number of pages: 41

"Mainstreaming gender"; National Machinery for Women in South Africa – a policy outline (Catherine Albertyn; CALS Occasional Paper 24): background to the need for a National Machinery for Women and its implications for a national gender policy + a model for National Machinery (state structures, independent advisory bodies, women's organisations etc.). (References)

Date: 15-11-95 Source: Constitutional Talk /DOK. 11.3 Page: 21

Working Draft of the New Constitution ... reporting back to the nation: full text of new constitution of South Africa as proposed by the Constitutional Assembly (+ explanatory articles; 32 p.); incl. Chapter 7: State Institutions Supporting Constitutional Democracy (commissions on human rights & gender equality, etc.; p.21).

Date: 00-10-95 Source: Frontiers of Freedom, No.6 Page: 3

Liberty loses out to gender: we seem to be moving to a society governed not by law but by political correctness, says SAIRR chief executive John Kane-Berman (on debate about the Commission on Gender Equality Bill).

Date: 22-09-95 Source: Constitutional Talk, No.13 Page: 3

Ensuring equality for women: one of the basic principles of a democratic South Africa is that it should be non-sexist, and entrenching a Commission for Gender Equality in the Constitution would help make this a reality (positions various parties on this issue).

Date: 15-09-95 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 1

Absolute sexual rights: despite disagreement on some issues the women's Beijing conference highlights the main issue of women's needs (incl. debate on lesbian rights in South Africa and in general). [Sowetan]

Date: 01-09-95 Source: Mail & Guardian Page: 11

Streetwalkers come in from the cold: the Centre for Applied Legal Studies has produced a draft Bill on prostitution for the Department of Health (main points draft bill and background, incl. comments Sex Worker Education and Advocacy Taskforce).

Date: 01-09-95 Source: Mail & Guardian Page: 24

Porn in the new SA: the Constitutional Court is about to decide on the legality of banning porn (by Justin Pearce).

Date: 00-09-95 Source: SA Journal on Human Rights, Vol.11, No.3 Page: 421-476

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (by F. Kathree; p.421-437) + The minority and subordinate status of African women under customary law (K.L. Robinson; p.457-476).

Date: 00-09-95 Source: Agenda, No.26 Page: 48-59

Focus on abortion: review standpoints of both 'pro-choice' & 'anti-choice' movements in debate around abortion and the changing of present abortion legislation in South Africa (p.48-50) + Changes in abortion law recommended: slightly edited version of the findings & recommendations of the (Parliamentary) Ad Hoc Select Committee on Abortion and Sterilisation (p.51-59)

Date: 00-09-95 Source: Agenda, No.26 Page: 83-87

Gender equality in the Interim Constitution: examination of the Interim Constitution in terms of its content, application and interpretation and women's access and power to enforce equality (Lirieka Meintjes-Van der Walt, Rhodes University).

Date: 00-09-95 Source: Mayibuye, September 1995 Page: 6

Democratic right to choose: proposals of some women's organisations, supported by ANC/COSATU/SACP, for a new abortion act in South Africa (incl. main contents new act).

Date: 08-08-95 Source: DOK. 3.2 Number of pages: 8

National Women's Day (Star survey): Stepping out in the corridors of power a.o. art. on the position and struggle of women in SA – in relation to politics, the constitution, the economy/business, etc. and the role of the Women's National Coalition (WNC; p.7).

Date: 04-08-95 Source: DOK. 3.2 Number of pages: 27

RDP-Ministry in the Office of the President: Draft Policy for Women's Empowerment – introduction on RDP-framework and basic premises of policy + sections on specific sectors: health, housing, education & training, the economy, legal & human rights, government structures, etc.

Date: 00-08-95 Source: Mayibuye Page: 10/11

Searching for SA's women's movement: hopes for the resurrection of the South African women's movement have been heightened by the activity surrounding the Beijing women's conference + Can government help end women's oppression? – forthcoming legislation on a gender commission is part of possible government measures to end gender inequality (incl. position ANC).

Date: 00-08-95 Source: Policy: Issues and Actors, Vol.8, No.7 Number of pages: 39

Gender on the agenda: Will women gain equality in the new South Africa (Dr Caroline White; CPS); research paper on the current realities, legacies of the past and possible future developments in relation to position of women in South Africa, incl. rural women, employment, education, legal position women, sexism, role women's organisations etc. (Notes & references)

Date: 07-07-95 Source: Mail & Guardian Page: 25

Abortion: A matter for empathy + Let he who has no sperm catch the first stone: two views on present abortion debate in South Africa, by theologian prof. Charles Villa-Vicencio and Rhoda Kadalie.

Date: 00-07-95 Source: TransAct, Vol.2, No.7 Page: 9

Abortion Act: Heated debate lies ahead – on interim report by parliamentary committee on Abortion Bill.

Date: 00-07-95 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 40

CEDAW in South Africa – The United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW): explaining all the articles of the Convention and their implications in relation to women's (constitutional) rights in South Africa and some of the activities aimed at having the Convention ratified by South Africa.

Date: 14-06-95 Source: Government Gazette, No.16479 Number of pages: 10

General Notice – Department of Justice: Select Committee on Report of SA Law Commission on surrogate motherhood (National Assembly): Draft Bill on Surrogate Motherhood, proposed by SA Law Commission (full text bill + explanatory memorandum).

Date: 09-06-95 Source: Constitutional Talk, No.8 Page: 1/2

Reports on the activities of the Constitutional Assembly and debates about the new South African constitution, incl. Women and the constitution – entrenching empowerment (positions of women's org.

Date: 00-06-95 Source: Agenda, No.25 Page: 7-15

Spiritual liberation or spiritual oppression? – In drawing a parallel between spiritual and political liberation, Leah Gcabashe explores the role and relevance of constitutional involvement in women's religious experiences. (Notes & references)

Date: 00-06-95 Source: Agenda, No.25 Page: 47-50

Custom, religion and women's rights: report of recent workshop by the Women Lawyers' Association on custom and religion as they relate to women's rights.

Date: 00-06-95 Source: Agenda, No.25 Page: 63-66

Drafting a better deal: clear provisions prohibiting discrimination in the Labour Relations Bill promise a better deal for women workers, although women in small or medium enterprises and non-union members will be excluded from the proposed benefits. (Sayuri Moodliar)

Date: 00-06-95 Source: Agenda, No.25 Page: 73-78

The F-word: Rhoda Kadalie examines the marginalised role of (academic) feminists in the struggle for democracy in South Africa and argues for the urgent recognition of academic feminism's role in securing equal rights in the Constitution. (References)

Date: 00-06-95 Source: TransAct, Vol.2, No.6 Page: 5

Gender Commission: Slow progress towards new body (required by the Interim Constitution, incl. general criticism on gender policies of the new government).

Date: 00-06-95 Source: Mayibuye Page: 8

Abortion comes under legal spotlight: with public hearings on abortion legislation now being held, attention is once again being turned to a subject that is likely to be the source of heated debate (incl. ANC's position on abortion).

Date: 00-06-95 Source: Africa Insight, Vol.25, No.2 Page: 80-90

Women's issues in South Africa: 1990-1994 (Dr Y Sadie & Ms M van Aardt, Rand Afrikaans University); examination of the current position of women in South Africa and a number of issues that require urgent attention (in relation to employment, rural women, legal position, women and violence, reproductive decisions, etc.). (Notes)

Date: 12-05-95 Source: Weekly Mail Page: 26

Miscarriage of justice: review Abortion Right Action Group's abortion bill and present flaws in existing abortion law of 1975 (harming esp. black, rural women).

Date: 00-04-95 Source: DOK. 3.1 Number of pages: 82

Policies affecting fertility and contraceptive use: An assessment of twelve sub-Saharan countries (Susan Scribner; World Bank Discussion Papers, No.259); incl. chapters on female schooling (literacy), child health, laws affecting women's status, family planning etc. in Africa. Many tables with statistical data + bibl.

Date: 00-03-95 Source: Agenda, No.24 Page: 57-60

Taxing times nearly over: The Interim Constitution provision that discrimination on the grounds of gender is prohibited effectively means unequal taxation for married women is now unlawful. Zee Cele traces past taxation in the light of imminent change.

Date: 00-03-95 Source: SA Journal on Human Rights, Vol.11, No.1 Page: 143-149

Focussing legal aid on criminal defence marginalizes women's legal service need in South Africa. (by J. Allen).

Date: 00-02-95 Source: BIB. 11.1-122B Page: 189-203

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Date: 20-01-95 Source: New Nation Page: 5

Silence condones rape: short review on (taboo on reporting) rape in South Africa. Incl. views Johannesburg based Trauma Centre and sample of erratic sentences imposed on sexual offenders. + tel.numbers of People Opposing Women Abuse (POWA) and the Trauma Centre.

Date: 00-01-95 Source: BIB. 3.1-37 Number of pages: 132

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Date: 00-01-95 Source: BIB. 7.4-43/11.1-179 Page: 188-189

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