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MONITORING MECHANISM FOR COMPLAINTS LAUNCHED

The Civilian Secretariat for Police (CSP) / Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) Consultative Forum was launched at the Cape Town Lodge Hotel in Cape Town on Friday, 6 March 2015.

IPID Executive Director, Robert McBride and Acting Secretary for Police, Reneva Fourie, signed a pledge in the forms of a Terms of Reference in the presence of Portfolio Committee Chairperson Francois Beukman, South African Police Service Provincial Commissioner, Arnold Lamoer (who stood in for the National Commissioner), Provincial Community Safety Heads of Departments, IPID Provincial Heads, Metropolitan Police Services (MPS) chiefs, representatives from academia and the community at large, to meet regularly to monitor and assess the implementation of IPID recommendations in relation to complaints.

Section 208 of the Constitution advocates for the establishment of the Civilian Secretariat for Police under the ambit of the Minister of Police. Section 206 of the Constitution states that, on receipt of a complaint lodged by a provincial executive, an independent police complaints body established by national legislation must investigate any alleged misconduct of, or offence committed by a member of the police service in the province. Section 15 of the IPID Act and Section 31 (3) of the Civilian Secretariat for Police Act, state that a Consultative Forum be established. Its task will constitute, amongst others, the facilitation of co-operation between CSP and IPID to, “discuss issues related to trends, recommendations and implementation of such recommendations”.

The Consultative Forum serves as one of the pillars that ensures the attainment of outcome 3 of government’s Medium Term Strategic Framework (all people in South Africa are and feel safe) and the goals of the National

Development Plan (in particular those sections that deal with matters of safety of citizens, professionalism of police and discipline). By meeting regularly to monitor and assess the extent to which IPID recommendations on complaints have been attended to by the SAPS and the MPS, it is intended that accountability by SAPS and their quality of service will be enhanced.

The Consultative Forum will assist to strengthen the relationship between IPID, CSP and SAPS. It will also make an impact in terms of Policy development that will promote the professionalisation and demilitarisation of the SAPS/MPS.

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