

## **Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities**

### **Functions of Commission**

185. (1) The primary objects of the Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities are—
- (a) to promote respect for the rights of cultural, religious and linguistic communities;
  - (b) to promote and develop peace, friendship, humanity, tolerance and national unity among cultural, religious and linguistic communities, on the basis of equality, non-discrimination and free association; and
  - (c) to recommend the establishment or recognition, in accordance with national legislation, of a cultural or other council or councils for a community or communities in South Africa.
- (2) The Commission has the power, as regulated by national legislation, necessary to achieve its primary objects, including the power to monitor, investigate, research, educate, lobby, advise and report on issues concerning the rights of cultural, religious and linguistic communities.
- (3) The Commission may report any matter which falls within its powers and functions to the South African Human Rights Commission for investigation.
- (4) The Commission has the additional powers and functions prescribed by national legislation.

### **Composition of Commission**

186. (1) The number of members of the Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities and their appointment and terms of office must be prescribed by national legislation.
- (2) The composition of the Commission must—
- (a) be broadly representative of the main cultural, religious and linguistic communities in South Africa; and
  - (b) broadly reflect the gender composition of South Africa.