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MEDIA STATEMENT BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION

PROJECT 100B: REVIEW OF THE MAINTENANCE ACT 99 OF 1998

The South African Law Reform Commission (SALRC) has approved the publication of a discussion paper on the Review of the Maintenance Act 99 of 1998, for public comment. The discussion paper sets out the SALRC's preliminary recommendations for law reform regarding certain aspects in the Maintenance Act 99 of 1998.

The views, conclusions and recommendations in this paper are not the final views of the SALRC. The aim of the discussion paper is to elicit comments, which will assist the SALRC in preparing the draft report. In order to get comments from parties directly affected by the Maintenance Act, the SALRC will conduct three virtual workshops. Workshops are planned to take place during the first week of July 2022. An invitation to the workshops together with the dates will be posted on the SALRC website and individuals or organisation who are interested to attend any of the workshops should respond to Ms Maite Modiba whose contact details are provided below. The SALRC plans to involve all stakeholders including individuals, government institutions, non-governmental and community based organisations. Radio and television interviews are also planned where listeners and viewers can give comments.

Comments on the discussion paper and the draft Amendment Bill will be incorporated into a report on the Review of the Maintenance Act 99 of 1998. This report will contain the final recommendations of the SALRC, accompanied by legislative proposals pertaining to the law of maintenance. The report, once approved by the SALRC, will be handed to the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services for consideration.

The project leader for the investigation is Professor Madelene de Jong, Research Associate, University of Limpopo and accredited mediator in private practice. The SALRC's researcher is Ms Maite Modiba.

Copies of the discussion paper are available on the SALRC's website: <http://www.justice.gov.za/salrc/dpapers.htm>. Further copies are available free of charge from the South African Law Reform Commission (Tel: 012 622 6300).

The closing date for written comments on this discussion paper is **30 June 2022**. Comments and submissions are invited from any interested person or organisation, and should be addressed to:

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