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The press notice issued by the Constitutional Court regarding the certification of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (the Bill) of 1996 refers.

We, the undersigned organisations, have become aware of press reports stating that a number of organisations will be opposing certain provisions of the final Constitution during the forthcoming certification process by the Constitutional Court. We believe that these particular provisions comply with the Constitutional Principles.

All of the undersigned organisations have a long history of commitment to the advancement of human rights and are deeply concerned that the contentions of these organisations against certain provisions be rebutted.

It would be most useful if these submissions could be studied to allow a proper defence of the Bill.

We accordingly wish to apply for leave from the Court to lodge our written submissions by 10 June, 1996 so as to deal directly with the arguments raised in the opposing submissions. In this manner our participation will be made more useful to the process of deliberation by the Court.

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