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**TO: CHAIRPERSON OF THE NCOP
Mr MJ MAHLANGU****FINAL MANDATE: CHOICE ON TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY AMENDMENT
BILL [B21-2007]**

(Section 76 Bill)

1 INTRODUCTION

The Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Health, Hon IWJ Stadhouer tabled the Committee's final mandate as considered by the Committee on **17 September 2007**, on the *Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Amendment Bill [B21-2007]*. The mandate was duly adopted by the legislature in terms of rule 133 of the Northern Cape Provincial legislature.

2 PROCESS FOLLOWED

- 2.1 The Speaker referred the *Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Amendment Bill [B21-2007]* to the Portfolio Committee on Health on **25 June 2007**.
- 2.2 The Portfolio Committee received a briefing on the Bill from the Northern Cape's Permanent Delegate to the NCOP Hon MA Sulliman as well as the Department of Health at its meeting on **7 August 2007**.
- 2.3 The Portfolio Committee resolved at its meeting held on **7 August 2007**, to hold public hearings on the referred Bill in the areas of Frances Baard, Pixley ka Seme, Kgalagadi, Siyanda and Namaqua to solicit the views of the affected beneficiary communities and stakeholders with regard to the *Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Amendment Bill [B21-2007]*.
- 2.4 Five (5) Public Hearings were held on **16 August 2007** as per Committee resolution and both written and oral submissions were called for. The Public engaged with the Members of the Provincial Legislature on their views.
- 2.5 On **29 August 2007** the Portfolio Committee on Health deliberated and considered the *Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Amendment Bill [B21-2007]*.

3. PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE POSITION ON THE BILL

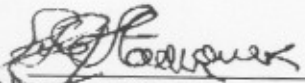
The Committee considered the Minutes of the Select Committee on Social Services and the responses of the National Department of Health on the said Bill.

The Committee accepts the responses and supports the Bill.

4. ADOPTION OF THE BILL

The legislature adopted this final mandate.

In terms of Section 65 of the Constitution, the Portfolio Committee on Health recommends that the House confer authority on the Permanent Delegation to the NCOP to vote in support of the *Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Amendment Bill [B21-2007]*.


Hon. C. Seoposengwe
Speaker

18.09.2007
Date