



**Statement by the Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition (CiZC) Peace and Security Committee on  
Need to Set up National Peace and Reconciliation Commission (NPRC)**

THE Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition (CiZC) Peace and Security Committee would like to urge the government to put structures in place for sustainable peace and national reconciliation in the country in line with the new Constitution of Zimbabwe.

We implore the government to move with speed in implementing the Constitution by setting up, operationalizing and resourcing the National Peace and Reconciliation Commission (NPRC).

Specifically, we call upon the government to, in consultation with civil society and other relevant stakeholders, draft and enact an Act of Parliament to establish the legal framework for the operationalisation of this commission.

This must be followed up with appointment of commissioners and recruitment of members of the Secretariat, comprised of people who are non-partisan and of proven integrity in line with Section 252. Government must ensure adequate resourcing in order to capacitate the Commission to execute its mandate.

The Committee wants to remind the government of Zimbabwe that procrastination in putting in place mechanisms for the functioning of this commission is in itself a violation of the constitution since such process should have started in August 2013 with the inception of the new government. The government must remain cognisant of Section 251, which stipulates that the Commission has a lifespan of ten years from the effective date of the new Constitution. More than six months has passed following the inception of the new government.

Thus, any further delay in setting up the commission will inevitably result in the public institution operating for less than a decade, which will limit the envisaged impact.

The work of the commission is central in advancing constitutional national objectives of preserving units, lasting peace and stability (Section 10) fostering fundamental human rights and freedoms (Section 11), good governance (Section 9) and national development (section 13).

The Commission is mandated to give closure to past human rights transgressions and to put in place mechanisms for non-recurrence. The work of the commission if implemented in letter and spirit is therefore important in ensuring sustainable peace in Zimbabwe.

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