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The appointment of a Transitional Executive Council arises from the need to level the political playing field with a view to removing all impediments to free political activity in preparation for the holding of free and fair elections.

In view of the fact that the appointment of the TEC is not accompanied with the dissolution of the now existing Parliament of the RSA and the other administrations, it becomes important that the position or status of the TEC and its sub-councils vis-a-vis the RSA Parliament, the different departments of state and the other administrations be clearly stipulated. It therefore becomes extremely important for the mandate, powers, functions and authority of the TEC and its sub-councils to be clearly defined.

The need for the levelling of the political playing field in preparation for the holding of free and fair elections is a genuine and dire need to the masses of South Africa who have been denied the right to vote and put at the back of the political arena for so long. With the mammoth burden facing the TEC, this body, together with its sub-councils should therefore be given over-riding powers.

The TEC and its sub-councils cannot perform its duties, nor exercise its powers in an advisory capacity as this will frustrate the very purpose for which it was established and turn it into a mute, tooth-less watch-dog.

The TEC should be a body clothed with authority, and its decisions must be binding upon the Parliament, departments of state and administrations concerned. It must be able to over-rule any decision of the Parliament, departments of state and administrations, with powers to prescribe to these bodies on matters falling within its jurisdiction in accordance with the enabling act. The TEC will therefore not only have the same status as Cabinet, but will also have powers to over-rule Cabinet and Parliament on matters falling within its mandate.

Finally, in order to enable the TEC to perform its duties correctly, not only its powers should be out-lined, but also the method for the implementation of these powers.