



# Committee of Consumer Organisations <sup>C51</sup> [51]

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30 June 1993

The Chairman of the Multi Party Conference  
Attention: Dr T Eloff  
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Dear Sir

## CHARTER FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS : CONSUMER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Committee of Consumer Organisations have requested the Minister of Justice and the S A Law Commission to include Consumer Rights in a Bill of Rights.

The S A Law Commission has suggested that we approach you in this regard.

1. Herewith the letter addressed to the S A Law Commission in this regard which states the request.
2. The reply from the S A Law Commission.

The CCO considers this as a matter of urgency and requests an early opportunity to discuss this matter with the particular Committee who deals with this matter.

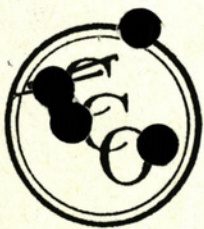
Please communicate with me at the earliest opportunity to arrange for such a meeting. As you may note the membership of the CCO is widespread geographically and they would all like to be included in such a discussion.

Yours faithfully

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CHAIRMAN : SECRETARIAT





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14 May 1993

The Secretary  
S A Law Commission  
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Attention: Mr Justice P Olivier

Dear Sir

## BILL OF RIGHTS: CONSUMER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Committee of Consumer Organisations provides a forum at which the concerns of all member groups are discussed and where action can be taken on mutual causes.

A decision was taken at a recent meeting to ask that Consumer Rights should take their rightful place in any Bill of Rights that is proposed in South Africa. While the rights of the individual are dealt with, Consumer Rights, which are also universal, are not dealt with separately.

For this reason we make a strong plea that when the Bill of Rights is revised the following should be included:

Consumer Rights  
Consumer Responsibilities

### CONSUMER RIGHTS

The United Nations Draft Guidelines for Consumer Protection sets out the following Rights:

Physical Safety  
Economic Safety  
Information  
Education  
Redress  
To form Consumer Groups

### RESPONSIBILITIES

Where there are rights it is axiomatic that there should be responsibilities. We therefore urge that Article 29 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights should be included in any future charter of this country. Clauses 1 and 2 state:

1. Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of the personality is possible.
2. In the exercise of his/her rights and freedoms, every one shall be subject to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purpose of securing/...



securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of morality, public order and the general welfare in a democratic society.

We are sure that the inclusion of the United Nations recommendations will provide the necessary emphasis to safeguard the position of the Consumer in South Africa.

Included herewith relevant documentation.

Yours faithfully

*Lillibeth Moolman*

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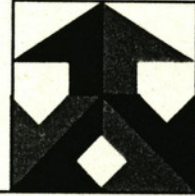
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21 June 1993

The Chairman  
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Dear Mrs Moolman

**PROJECT 58: GROUP AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

Your letter of 14 May 1993 refers. Thank you for your proposals concerning consumer rights and duties. However, we suggest you address your proposals to the Chairman of the Multi-party Conference at Kempton Park as the Commission is functus officio in this regard.

Yours faithfully

PP JUDGE P J J OLIVIER  
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: S A LAW COMMISSION

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