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RE: MUSLIM PERSONAL AND PENAL LAW

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The Executive Council of the Muslim Assembly hereby make the following declaration:-

1. We endorse, the Memorandum submitted by the Dawah Foundation of South Africa at the Multi-Party Negotiating Council and Technical Committee thereof at the World Trade Centre, Kempton Park, Transvaal, calling for the following:
  - (a) ~~That~~ recognition of the right of Muslims to regulate their lives in terms of their own legal system, be entrenched in the interim Bill of Rights.

- (b) That appropriate legislation be passed in order to attain the aforesaid objectives.
- (c) That current discriminatory practices against Muslims, be eliminated in the following spheres:-  
**Law of marriage, divorce, succession and contracts,** as Roman Dutch Law and Statutes affecting Muslims in their personal lives cannot be foisted upon the Muslim community against their will.
- (d) That legislation be passed for the purpose of erecting Islamic Courts to be manned by qualified, Islamic Jurists, sitting with assessors, trained in the general legal system of South Africa be passed for the purpose of instituting and implementing Islamic Law (Sharia) including certain aspects of Islamic Penal Law.



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