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PRESS RELEASE BY MR JUSTICE R J GOLDSTONE, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY REGARDING THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION

1. Some weeks ago the Commission announced that one Committee of the Commission would inquire into the violence relating to taxis and trains. The Committee began to hear evidence in Cape Town earlier this month with regard to taxi violence in the Cape Town area. That enquiry was postponed to 21 April 1992.
2. It became apparent that the volume of evidence concerning the taxi violence in Cape Town alone would take up some weeks of the time of the Committee. In addition taxi violence in other areas of South Africa is also relevant to the work of the Commission.
3. The train violence continues and the Commission regards this issue as too urgent not to receive immediate attention.
4. In these circumstances, with the concurrence of the Minister of Justice, the Commission has now established two separate Committees.
5. The first of these Committees will continue to investigate taxi-related violence. Its chairman is Adv D J Rossouw, the Vice-Chairman of the Commission. He will sit with Mr L van Zyl, a Cape Town attorney. As already announced evidence on that issue will

continue at a public hearing in Cape Town on Tuesday 21 April 1992, at The Gallery, 2nd Floor, Concourse, Civic Centre, Cape Town.

6. The second committee will inquire into train violence. The chairman is Mr G Steyn, a member of the Commission. He will sit with Adv B Ngoepe of the Pretoria Bar and Mr S Moshidi, a Johannesburg attorney. The public hearings of this Committee will begin on 4 May 1992 at Synodal Centre, Visagie Street, Pretoria. The chairman of this Committee will meet with the legal representatives of all interested parties at the above-mentioned venue on Thursday 16 April 1992 at 10am. Any interested party not already represented is welcome to arrange for representation or to appear personally at that preliminary meeting when the general nature of the enquiry and the procedure will be discussed informally and privately.

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