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PROCLAMATION

by the

Acting President of the Republic of South Africa

No. R. 23, 1997

COMMENCEMENT OF THE JUSTICE LAWS RATIONALISATION ACT, 1996 (ACT No. 18 OF 1996)

Under section 18 of the Justice Laws Rationalisation Act, 1996 (Act No. 18 of 1996), I hereby determine **1 April 1997** as the date on which the Act shall come into operation, except—

- (a) the extension of the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1944 (Act No. 32 of 1944), in terms of section 2 of the Act to the area which immediately before 27 April 1994 formed part of the territory of the Self-governing territory of Lebowa; and
- (b) the repeal in terms of section 3 of the Act of the laws specified in column 1 hereunder in the areas indicated in the third column:

| No. and year of law | Short title | Area in which not repealed |
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| Decree No. 4 of 1988 | Decree No. 4 (Ombudsman) of 1988 | Transkei |
| Act No. 9 of 1986 | Ombudsman Act, 1986 | Bophuthatswana |
| Act No. 39 of 1991 | Ombudsman Amendment Act, 1991 | Bophuthatswana |
| Act No. 32 of 1944 | Magistrates' Courts Act, 1944 | Lebowa |
| Act No. 6 of 1987 | Qwaqwa Ombudsman Act, 1987 | Qwaqwa |

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Fifth day of March, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety-seven.

T. M. MBEKI

Acting President

By Order of the President-in-Cabinet:

A. M. OMAR

Minister of the Cabinet
