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LAW SOCIETY WELCOMES COUNCIL TO COMBAT GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) welcomes the efforts made by the Government to introduce programmes and initiatives that are aimed at improving and affirming the status of women. 'In particular the LSSA embraces the establishment of the National Council Against Gender-Based Violence, which is due to be launched later this month. We are confident that this will reflect the seriousness with which the Presidency and the Minister and Department of Women, Children and People with Disabilities is treating issues affecting women and children, especially those who are victims and survivors of gender-based violence and hate crimes,' say LSSA Co-Chairpersons Krish Govender and Jan Stemmett.

In addition, the LSSA trusts that the Council Against Gender-Based Violence will deliver on its mandate to build commitment and foster high-level relationships and an integrated joint approach between Government, civil society organisations, the business sector and other institutions – including the legal profession – to prevent, decrease and ultimately eliminate gender-based violence and hate crimes.

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