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GENERAL NOTICE

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DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE REFUGEES AMENDMENT BILL, 2008

The Minister of Home Affairs intends introducing the Refugees Amendment Bill, 2008 in the National Assembly. The explanatory summary of the Amendment Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Amendment Bill provides for—

- (a) the insertion of certain definitions;
- (b) the delegation of powers;
- (c) certain matters with regard to the establishment of Refugee Reception Offices;
- (d) the dissolution of the Standing Committee and the Refugee Appeals Board;
- (e) the establishment of the Refugee Appeals Authority;
- (f) the clarification and revision of procedures relating to refugee status determination;
- (g) the obligations and rights of asylum seekers;
- (i) the repeal of certain obsolete provisions; and
- (j) certain technical corrections.

Once the Amendment Bill has been tabled in Parliament, a copy can be obtained from:

1. the Government Printers – Cape Town and Pretoria;
 2. the Director: Drafting, Legal Services, Department of Home Affairs, 270 Maggs Street, Waltloo, Pretoria, Tel: (012) 810-8031/8032;
 3. the Department of Home Affairs website: www.dha.gov.za.
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