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Dear Sir / Madam

**SOUTH AFRICAN LAW COMMISSION  
PROJECT 110: REVIEW OF THE CHILD CARE ACT  
LEGISLATING FOR CHILD PROTECTION  
INVITATION TO A FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION: 29 APRIL 1999: CONFERENCE  
ROOM, SOUTH AFRICAN LAW COMMISSION, 12TH FLOOR, SANLAM CENTRE,  
C/O ANDRIES AND SCHOEMAN STREETS, PRETORIA**

The South African Law Commission Project Committee on the Review of the Child Care Act cordially invites you to a focus group discussion on **LEGISLATING FOR CHILD PROTECTION** on 29 April 1999 at the Conference Room of the South African Law Commission, 12th floor, Sanlam Centre, corner of Andries and Schoeman Streets, Pretoria. A provisional programme is attached.

The purpose of the focus group discussion is to intensely debate issues such as the definition and scope of child abuse; the prevention and management of child abuse; the possibilities for harmonising child protection and other civil proceedings with criminal proceedings; the reporting of child abuse and registration of reported cases; and institutional arrangements.

Our focus is on law reform and the Project Committee will use inputs made and insights gained during the deliberations in the drafting of a discussion paper on the review of the Child Care Act.

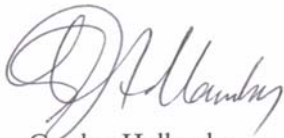
The discussion will be based on a paper prepared by Drs Jacky Loffell and Carmel Matthias. A copy of this paper is in the mail for your consideration.

You are invited to the focus group discussion as we believe that you can make a valuable contribution to the debate and in this way contextualise the issues within the South African situation.

The Law Commission will pay the day conference fee. This fee includes venue hire, lunch, tea and coffee, and biscuits. **Please arrange your own transport and accommodation.** In order for us to make the necessary arrangements, kindly let Mr Gordon Hollamby or Ms Lowisa Stuurman know by **28** April 1999 at telephone (012) 322 6440, fax (012) 320 0936 or e-mail [gordon@Salawcom.org.za](mailto:gordon@Salawcom.org.za) or [Istlllrman@Salawcom.org.za](mailto:Istlllrman@Salawcom.org.za) whether you accept the invitation.

We look forward to seeing you at the focus group discussion!

Yours sincerely



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