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Submission to the NCOP on the Traditional Courts Bill

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Away with this bill unless there are constitutional requirements that this bill will be changed to meet.

Therefore we demand that this Bill must be constitutional sound, the following must be included

The way the proceedings are currently conduct during the existing courts has to change and therefore the bill must talk about legal representation, equality of gender and fairness.

The venue for the proceedings is to be far from the kraals and other awkward place that are currently used. It must be a must in the bill that the place0020.

The two points are fundamental point of democratic value and path of the current time that the village people must also enjoy.

- I. These traditional courts even in this bill are main for rural poor and an option of either going the magistrate courts must be included in the bill
- II. Women presiding officers must be promoted
- III. Elimination of valuable item such as goats and so must do away as means of punishment.

If this bill is to pass as law the rural people are final secondary citizens in South Africa.

We demand a broad community participation in our loca areas, Therefore we demand that NCOP must come to us.