

Participation of the media at the Inquiry

(a) Print journalists, and other media representatives who do not intend to take photographs or make video or sound recordings of the proceedings of the Commission, are entitled to attend the proceedings of the Commission on the same basis and subject to the same conditions as members of the public. They do not require accreditation in order to attend and report on the proceedings.

(b) Accreditation of the media

- (i) Accreditation is required by media representatives for the purpose of photographing, recording or broadcasting the proceedings of the Commission. Other media representatives may also apply for accreditation in order to have access to the media facilities which will be provided.
- (ii) Application for accreditation may be made by a representative, employer or employee of a legitimate news media house, news publication, TV or radio broadcaster, web news channel, news agency or photographic agency. A freelance journalist or employee of a TV or film production house will require a letter or proof that he or she is a bona fide journalist and a registered student in journalism will require proof of his or her registration, from a news media entity, news media house, news publication, TV or radio broadcaster, web news channel, news agency or photographic agency, commissioning him or her to provide coverage or reports of the Commission's work. Any media representative or employer may apply for accreditation subject to conditions relating to accreditation as set by the Government Communication and Information Service.
- (iii) Applications for accreditation will be considered as and when received. Applications must be sent to the Government Communication and Information System.
- (iv) Any person who is refused accreditation may appeal to the Commission, which shall decide whether accreditation shall be granted.
- (v) Accredited media representatives and employers shall comply with the rules and conditions of the accreditation and any directive that the Secretary of the Commission may issue under the instruction of the Commission.
- (vi) The Secretary of the Commission may, after giving notice to the person affected, revoke the accreditation at any time for breach of a rule,

condition or directive issued by the Secretary. Any person whose accreditation is withdrawn may appeal to the Commission.

- (vii) Accredited media representatives must display their accreditation cards to the security personnel on request, failing which they may be denied the access which is provided by accreditation.
- (viii) Accredited media representatives may use media facilities provided for that purpose at the Commission premises.

(c) Photographic Accreditation

Accredited media representatives may be allowed to take photographs of the proceedings, including the inspection in loco. Any photograph taken at the Inquiry shall be for media editorial purposes.

(d) Television, video and radio accreditation

- (i) No person may record or broadcast the proceedings of the Commission except in accordance with accreditation granted by the Commission, subject to terms and conditions determined by the Commission.
- (ii) The Commission will, in determining terms and conditions, be broadly guided by the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court of Appeal in its Practice Note 1/2009 in respect of extended media coverage of the proceedings of the SCA.

(e) Previews of witnesses

A media representative may not interview any witness who is on the list of witnesses who will give evidence or produce any document before the Commission prior to such witness giving his or her evidence to the Commission, in connection with the evidence he is to give before the Commission.

(f) Indemnity

An accredited media representative and the employer will, by applying for accreditation, indemnify and hold harmless the Commission in respect of liability arising from negligent (but not grossly negligent or wilful) conduct, in respect of:

- (aa) Any claim of any nature whatsoever from any third party;
- (bb) Any loss or damage from any cause whatsoever suffered by an accredited media representative or employer;
- (cc) Any loss or damage from any cause whatsoever suffered by the accredited media representative or employer arising out of the

implementation of the rules and conditions of this Commission media accreditation.

(f) Accreditation not Transferable

The rights granted by the Commission pursuant to accreditation are personal to the representative and are not transferable to any other person.

