

SACBC ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD STATEMENT ON MOVE TO LIBERATE THE ABORTION AND STERILISATION ACT (13/8/90)

The Administrative Board of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference views with dismay the move to liberalize abortion legislation. We are well acquainted with arguments for liberalization based mainly on hard cases and what we consider a faulty interpretation of women's rights.

Our attitude is firmly rooted in the conviction that human conception results in human life, which has as much right to protection from deliberate destruction as human life in any other stage of development.

We intend to request an opportunity to present our views orally to the parliamentary committee entrusted with the preparation of the legislation.

We thank and commend all those who have sent letters to the Department of National Health and Population Development protesting against the liberalization of abortion legislation. We encourage others to do the same and call on all people who share our conviction change in the law.