



Voting

for a
democratic
South Africa

needs an
independent
authority

to put it all
together.

THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION

"We are independent."

"We have a clear mission."

The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) owes its allegiance to no party, organisation or authority. It serves only you, the voter.

The 16 Members of the Commission are men and women of high standing, selected by virtue of their experience and integrity. The chairperson of the Commission is Mr Justice Johann Krieger of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, who has a strong record in defence of human rights.

The Commission not only represents the full diversity of South Africa, but also includes five international Members whose neutrality and expertise reinforces the Commission's capability

and its commitment to democracy.

Born out of the multi-party constitutional talks, the Commission was appointed by the negotiators. In the conduct of the election campaign and the voting process, it has been given power over the Government, other transitional authorities and political parties. And it is committed to absolute impartiality in exercising these powers.

The IEC's independence and many powers will enable you, the voter, to exercise your right to vote on April 27-28, in secret and with confidence.

The statutory job of the IEC is to plan and conduct the country's first general election at which all eligible citizens can vote...to "put it all together".

It is the responsibility of the Members of the Commission to decide whether all aspects of the election have been conducted substantially freely and fairly, and so validate the results of the election.

The Members of the Commission are committed to protecting every voter's right to vote in secret and without hindrance or the fear of intimidation, and have special legal powers to do so.

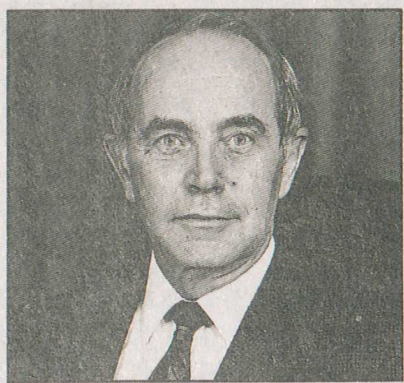
The IEC will be monitoring every step throughout the election process, including voter

education, the activities and statements of political parties, and the voting process.

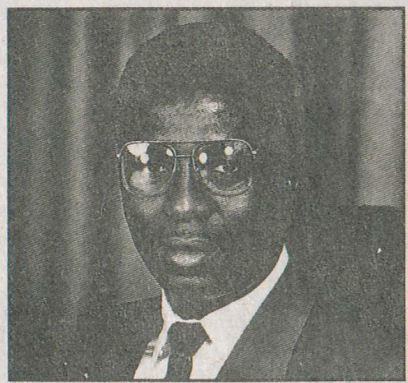
On the voting days, April 27 and 28, the IEC will supervise and closely monitor the voting process, to guard against irregularities and to ensure that election officials fulfil their responsibilities to voters.

The IEC itself will be monitored throughout by national and international organisations to safeguard its independence and ensure its neutrality.

The IEC is committed to fully supporting you in exercising your democratic rights freely in the months ahead, and in making your own, secret choice on April 27-28.



Justice Johann Kriegler
(Chairman)



Advocate Dikgang Moseneke SC
(Vice-Chairman)



Dr Helen Suzman



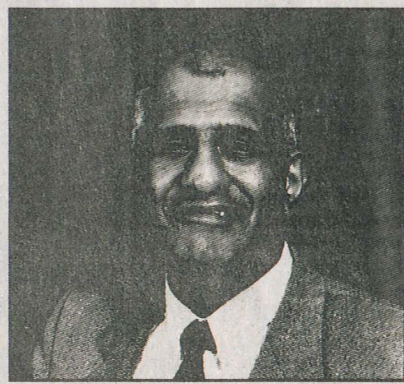
Rev Frank Chikane



Mrs Dawn Mokhobo



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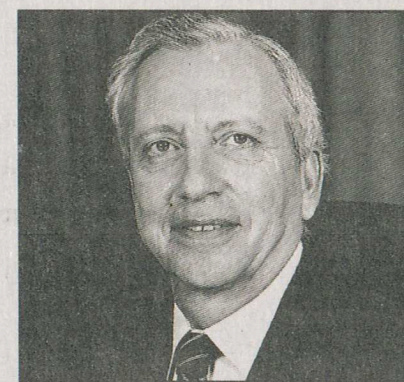
Advocate Z Yacoob SC



Mr Charles Nupen



Mr Ben van der Ross



Mr Ronald Gould* (Canada)



Mrs Rosil Jager

**"We are putting you,
the voter, first."**

This is your election. You have the right, together with all South African citizens and permanent residents over the age of 18, to exercise democracy's most powerful weapon – the vote.

The IEC will apply its mandate and use its wide legal powers to safeguard these rights.

The IEC is not directly responsible for law and order. It will nevertheless use its powers to ensure that you can fully exercise your rights.

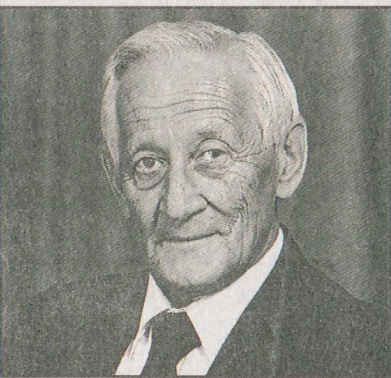
The Members of the Commission will give you the help and information you need on where and how to vote on April 27-28. The press, radio and television will carry the IEC's important election messages.

You have the right to:

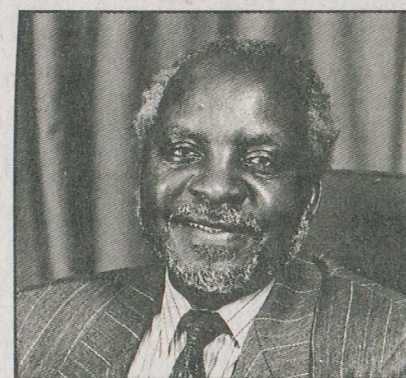
- hear the views of all parties.
- make your own choice.
- vote without fear or interference.



Mr Amare Teckle* (Eritrea)



Mr Johan Heyns

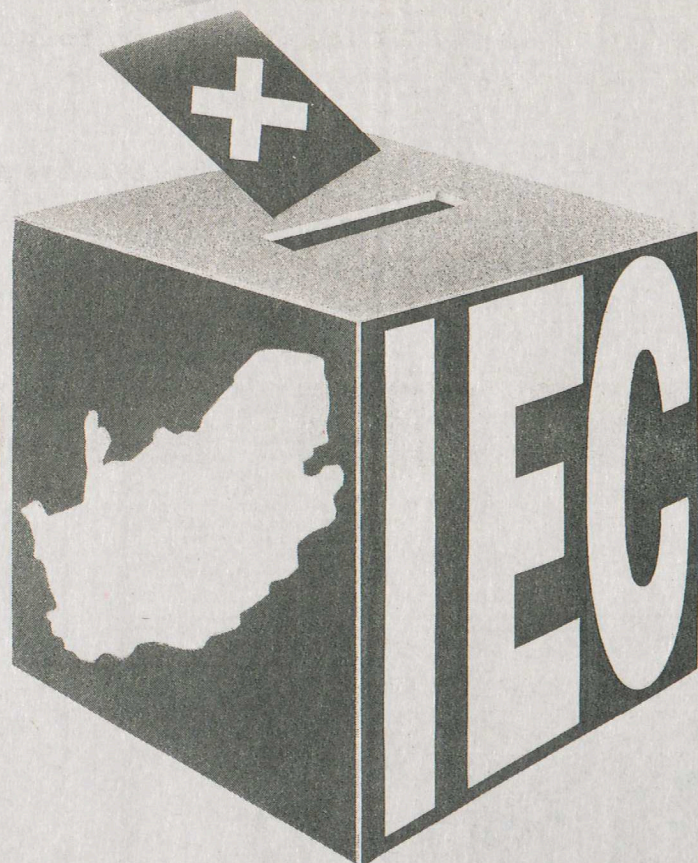


Prof Walter Kamba* (Zimbabwe)



Ms Gay McDougall* (USA)

Dr Jorgen Elklit* (Denmark) has also just joined the Commission.



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