



Other international Commissioners: Dr. Jorgen Elklit, Dr. Amare Tekle, Mr. Ron Gould

*The Commissioners were appointed by the State President on the advice of the Transitional Executive Council. The Commission is chaired by Mr Justice Johann Kriegler of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. It includes 11 South Africans – all impartial, respected and suitably qualified men and women. The Commission has also been joined by five non-voting International Commissioners.*

**F**or the first time in South Africa's history, all of its citizens are entitled to vote in the forthcoming General Election.

The election is to be administered by a body of men and women, sitting as the Independent Electoral Commission, who owe their allegiance to no person, organisation or authority other than you, the voter.

This is your election. The Independent Electoral Commission is here to serve you. And it has wide powers to safeguard your democratic rights.

The Independent Electoral Commission will:

- \* Conduct the election;
- \* Decide whether the campaign and the voting have been conducted substantially freely and fairly; and
- \* Ensure that you, the voter, can vote – in secret, freely, and without hindrance or the fear of intimidation.

On your behalf, we will apply our mandate and wide powers to their full extent, to achieve a peaceful election campaign and produce a free and fair result.

But a peaceful election and a free and fair result depend ultimately on you, the voter. You have the right to exercise democracy's most powerful weapon – the vote.

It is your resolve to exercise it, and to allow others to do so too, that is most important.

Regardless of political differences, South Africans share a common destiny. A democratic election result is the best and safest way to guarantee that destiny.

Support the work of the Commission, and you are supporting democracy.

In turn, you shall have the Commission's full support in exercising your democratic rights freely and safely in the months ahead and making your own, secret choice on April 26-28.

**VOTE FOR YOUR FUTURE.  
IN SECRET. WITH CONFIDENCE.**

**INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION**  
SERVING YOU, THE VOTER, AND YOUR RIGHTS  
IN SOUTH AFRICA'S FIRST DEMOCRATIC ELECTION

