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GENERAL NOTICE**NOTICE 784 OF 2008****DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS****PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES AMENDMENTS BILL, 2008**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs intends to introduce the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Amendment Bill, 2008 in the National Assembly shortly. The explanatory summary of the bill is hereby published in accordance of Rule 241(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly, as well as Rule 189(1)(b) of the Rules of the National Council of Provinces.

The Bill provides for:

The amendment of the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act, 2001 (Act No. 37 of 2001) so as to amend the definition of the term "members of the family" of diplomatic agents, consular officers and officials of international organisations; to refine the methods of publication of the Diplomatic List and to provide for circumstances when an executive certificate confirming immunity status can be issued.

Copies of the Bill can be obtained from:

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