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TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

AMNESTY COMMITTEE

APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 18 OF THE PROMOTION OF NATIONAL UNITY AND RECONCILIATION ACT, NO.34 OF 1995.

HELENE PASTOORS APPLICANT

(AM7289/97)

DECISION

The Applicant was a member of the Special Operations Unit of Umkhonto weSizwe. During May 1983 she received instructions from her superior officer, one Aboobaker Ismail, to drive a motor vehicle which had been primed with explosives from Swaziland to a specified place in Pretoria. She drove the vehicle to Pretoria on 19 May 1983 and left it at the pre-arranged place as instructed. When she delivered the vehicle she did not know the target at which it would be used. She only learnt after the event that it was used in the car bomb operation outside the building in Church Street, Pretoria, which housed the Air Force headquarters.

We are satisfied that the Applicant has made a full disclosure of all relevant facts and that her actions in driving the vehicle to Pretoria were associated with a political objective. We are also satisfied that her application complies with the requirements of the Promotion of National Unity and Reconciliation Act, No.34 of 1995.

The Applicant is accordingly **GRANTED** amnesty in respect of the unlawful delivery from Swaziland to Pretoria on 19 May 1983 of a motor vehicle which contained explosive material.

SIGNED AT CAPE TOWN THIS THE 24TH DAY OF JANUARY 2001