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CDA verwelkom taaluitspraak

“Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) verwelkom die uitspraak van die Noord-Gautengse Hooggeregshof dat die regering sy grondwetlike plig teenoor al elf amptelike tale versuim het.” So sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP en waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA).

“Internasionaal is die Christen-demokrasie naas ‘n sterk fokus op menseregte, ook gesteld op groepregte wat taal- en godsdieneregte insluit. Afgesien van die taalwet wat volgens die grondwet op die wetboek geplaas moes word, was dit aan ander sake ook duidelik dat die regering sy taalpligte versuim. Pansat self het ‘n dekade gelede reeds bevind dat die regering self die grootste skender van taalregte is. Die Menseregtekommissie markeer al jare die pas oor die VS naas FS op Vrystaatse nommerplate, nadat Pansat bevind het dis in die haak.”

“Ons vertrou dat die taalkwessie nou behoorlik en daadwerklik aangepak sal word, sodat die huidige spanningsvlakke gebore uit vervreemding ontloot kan word.”

CDA welcomes judgement on language

“The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) welcomes the Judgement in the North Gauteng High Court that government was in breach of the constitution in the performance of its duty to protect and develop all eleven official languages.” So says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the CDP and acting chair of the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA).

“Internationally Christian Democracy strongly favours not only individual human rights, but also group rights, including language and religious rights. Apart from neglecting to promulgate a language act as stipulated by the constitution, there were other clear indications that government has acted unconstitutionally. Approximately a decade ago PANSALD found that government itself was the major transgressor of the constitution’s language stipulations. The Human Rights Commission has been dragging its feet for years on FS / VS on Free State number plates, and this after PANSALB found the VS option acceptable. “

“We trust that the language issue will now be properly and effectively resolved, so that the polarisation resulting from a feeling of being unwelcome and unwanted in one’s own country, can be defused.”