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Freedom of the press: CDP welcomes warning to the ANC by Reporters without Borders.

The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) welcomes Reporters Without Borders' call on the ANC to drop proposed media curbing measures.

“When this organisation previously intervened in 2006, when the government proposed similar measures, the country dropped from the 21st position on the press freedom index in 2003 to the 44th position in 2006. And in the process, lost its status as the most press free country on the continent. Since then, South Africa has improved its position to the 33rd place, but is still not the country with the most freedom of the press on the continent.”

“The closing sentence of Reporters Without Borders makes it clear that the recent media curbing proposals may well again change South Africa's status. Surely, the ANC must now realise that it is out of step with modern thinking.”

Persvryheid: CDP verwelkom Verslaggewers sonder Grense se waarskuwing aan die ANC

Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) verwelkom Verslaggewers sonder Grense se beroep op die ANC om sy beplande mediabeperkende maatreëls op te skort.

“Die vorige keer, in 2006, toe die ANC soortgelyke voorstelle ter tafel gelê het, het Suid-Afrika van die 21ste mees persvrye land in 2003 na die 44ste se posisie in 2006 teruggeval. In die proses is die land sy status as mees persvrye land in Afrika kwyt. Sedertdien het Suid-Afrika bietjie veld tot 33ste plek herwin, maar die land is steeds nie die mees persvrye land op die kontinent nie.”

“Die slotsin van Verslaggewers sonder Grense se verklaring maak dit duidelik dat die onlangse mediabeperkingsvoorstelle die land se status op die indeks weer kan verander.”