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- OSCE, Handbook for Monitoring Women's Participation in Elections*
- NDI, Votes Without Violence: A Citizen Observer's Guide to Violence Against Women in Elections*
- UN, Guidelines on Producing Statistics on Violence Against Women*

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CASE STUDY: SOUTH AFRICA

THE SOUTH AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION'S ROLE IN PROMOTING AND PROTECTING CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) is a constitutional body established in 1994. It is the national human rights institution (NHRI) of South Africa. The SAHRC is mandated to promote and protect human rights, to investigate and report on human rights violations, and to provide remedies to victims of human rights violations. The SAHRC has a long history of promoting and protecting civil and political rights. In 2016, the SAHRC issued a report on the state of civil and political rights in South Africa. The report highlighted the SAHRC's role in promoting and protecting civil and political rights, and the challenges it faces in doing so. The SAHRC has been instrumental in promoting and protecting civil and political rights in South Africa, and its role is expected to continue to be important in the future.

CONCLUSION

THE ROLE OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS IN PROMOTING AND PROTECTING CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

The role of national human rights institutions (NHRIs) in promoting and protecting civil and political rights is crucial. NHRIs are independent bodies that are mandated to promote and protect human rights, to investigate and report on human rights violations, and to provide remedies to victims of human rights violations. NHRIs play a vital role in promoting and protecting civil and political rights, and their work is essential for the realization of these rights.

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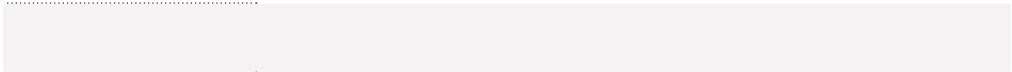
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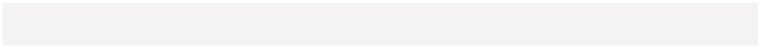
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