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LATIMER HOUSE DIALOGUE LESOTHO
DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LESOTHO JUDICIARY
28 JULY 2023

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Heads of the three arms of Government should establish a forum amongst themselves for dialogue among the three arms of government of Lesotho to promote understanding which is necessary for each arm of Government to perform its constitutional mandate **independently**.
2. The Chief Justice and Speaker of the National Assembly should request that Latimer House Dialogue be organised for the Lesotho National Assembly noting that there is a new cohort of members of parliament that could benefit from engaging in a similar symposium. The Ministry of Justice supports this request. The arms of Government should conduct **more** symposiums on the Latimer House Principles as requested.
3. The Lesotho Judiciary recommends that a bench marking exercise be conducted in the Commonwealth to understand how other judiciaries operate on the question of functional and financial independence.
4. The Lesotho Judiciary should develop a Judicial Code of Conduct.
5. The Lesotho Judiciary should take measures to address corruption including developing an anti-corruption strategy anchored on the Commonwealth Limassol Conclusions on Judicial Corruption amongst others.

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6. In order to enhance the independence of the lower judiciary, efforts should be made to enhance their status and conditions of service.
7. The Judiciary should develop a policy on the use of social media by judicial officers.
8. Given the importance of the role that key stake holders play in supporting democracy, the judiciary should recognise the roles they play and engage with them in appropriate fora on matters on national concern.

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