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CDP appalled by Chinese government insensitivity

“There are few people in this country that can coldheartedly sit back and not feel a certain amount of horror at the recent execution of a 35 year old South Africa citizen in China.” So says Rev Botha Leader of the Christian Democratic Party.

“Although we, as the CDP, believe in the death penalty, we have all been appalled with the callous manner in which this was handled by the Chinese government. In fact the death of Janice Linden has sent shock waves throughout the country. “When one has lived in a democratic society one tends to take for-granted, the freedom one has to speak out, and to expect legal justice.

“No country is perfect but we certainly have values worth fighting for.

“The apparent lack of human sympathy coming from the Chinese authorities is appalling and the insensitive way her two sisters were treated is inhuman. We would like to extend our condolences to the family.

“Let us guard what freedoms we have and build on the Christian value system which, believes in justice but at the same time is tempered by mercy.”

CDP geskok oor onsensitiwiteit van Chinese owerheid

“Daar is ‘n paar mense in hierdie land wat hardvogtig agteroor sit en nie eens ‘n titseltjie afkeur voel in die onlangse teregstelling van ‘n Suid-Afrikaner in China nie,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP). “Hoewel die CDP nie teen die doodstraf gekant is nie, is ons almal geskok oor die argelose wyse waarop die aangeleentheid deur die Chinese regering hanteer is. Die dood van Janice Linden het skokgolwe deur die land gestuur.

“As ‘n mens in ‘n demokrasie woon, begin ‘n mens sekere vryheer as vanselfsprekend aanvaar, soos spraakvryheid en ‘n om juridiese geregtigheid te verwag.

Geen land is volmaak nie, maar Suid-Afrika het beslis sekere waardes waarvoor dit die moeite werd is om rug styf te maak.

“Die klaarblyklike gebrek aan medemenslikheid van die Chinese owerhede is walglik, en die onsensitiewe wyse waarop haar twee susters hanteer is, is onmenslik. Ons spreek ons medelye teenoor die familie uit.

“Kom ons waak oor ons vryhede en kom kons bou op ons Christelike waardestelsel wat op geregtigheid ingestel is, maar deur genade getemper word.”