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GENDER RESPONSIVE INITIATIVES IN SOUTH AFRICA

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- Legislative amendments to ensure victim centred CJS
 - Protection order if bail is granted in cases where victim and perpetrator are/were in a domestic relationship
 - Victim's safety to be considered in bail applications
 - Minimum sentences in murder, attempted murder, assault GBH and rape where victim and perpetrator were in domestic relationship
 - Victim's voice to be heard - Victim impact reports & statements – sentencing
- Extension of use of intermediary to additional categories of vulnerable witnesses
 - Biological or mental age under 18
 - Physical, psychological, mental or emotional condition
 - Older persons
- Use of remote audio-visual links to testify in court
 - GBV survivors can testify from current 62 Thutuzela Care Centres (one-stop centres for GBV victims mostly at hospitals/clinics)
 - Reduce secondary trauma and risk of potential victimisation if they do not need to go to court building
 - Efficient and cost effective – in particular also for expert witnesses