

ANNEXURE 1: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

- 1.1. The advent of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) has necessitated that countries develop new policies, strategies and innovation plans to enable an inclusive whole of society approach with Government playing a leadership responsibility. South Africa currently has different elements of the 4IR spread across Government, the private sector and civil society but there is currently no single plan or blueprint which brings together all key role players into a single focus.
- 1.2. While the discourse on the 4IR is usually dominated by the role of government and the private sector other stakeholders in civil society such as academia, women and youth also have a significant role to play to ensure overall buy-in by all role players in society. The 4IR manifests itself through technological innovations its impact cuts across all levels of society hence the need for a broader perspective and approach.
- 1.3. This document read with the Concept Document sets out a framework for the establishment of the Digital Industrial Revolution Commission as announced by His Excellency President Cyril Ramaphosa in the State of the Nation Address of 2018. The President indicated that government would prioritise interventions to take advantage of rapid technological changes. The Presidency and the Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services (DTPS) had several engagements during the conceptualization phase of the Commission and it was resolved to rename it to the **Presidential Commission on the Fourth Industrial Revolution**. The Presidential Commission on Fourth Industrial Revolution will be established with its coordination led by the DTPS.