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For the attention of Dr Theuns Eloff

Dear Sir/Madam

It has been extraordinarily difficult for non-participants in the MPNP to get hold of the major documents that are issued. There is a substantial community of scholars, librarians, businesspeople and others who are keenly interested in what is happening, but who are forced to rely upon press reports for their knowledge. While I am not criticising the journalists, the reports are only summaries, and some of us would prefer more detailed accounts.

May I therefore propose that you make arrangements for the distribution of the more more important documents through the Government Printer's sales offices in the different centres. Since the documentation is voluminous I am not envisaging that all be made available: the reports of Technical Committees, and resolutions of the Council/Forum, but not the submissions of parties, individuals and other organisations, are what I have in mind. Moreover, I understand that the proceedings of the Forum are taped (though not, so far as I know, transcribed): could these not be published in the form of a Hansard?

To cover costs a nominal charge could be levied (at least quadrupled in the case of libraries at rich American universities!). I would be grateful to have your response.

Yours faithfully

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