

MULTI-PARTY NEGOTIATING FORUM

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Dear Sir

The Negotiating Council of the Multi-Party Negotiating Process met yesterday to consider new applications to the process. One of the most important aspects of this meeting was to reach a decision on the criteria that new applicants (as well as present participants) should adhere to. Although a fair amount of progress was made, the Council could not as yet reach a decision and this matter was referred back to the Planning Committee for their attention. The Planning Committee will report back to the next meeting of the Negotiating Council after the meeting of the Negotiating Forum on 1-2 April 1993.

This letter therefore serves to inform you that the issue of your application to join the Multi-Party Negotiating Process is still under consideration. Under the circumstances, the same courtesy that the Planning Conference afforded you to grant your organisation observer status, can unfortunately not be granted for the meeting of the Negotiating Forum on 1-2 April 1993.

The Negotiating Council has established that the negotiating process should be as inclusive as possible, but that the issue of criteria is an extremely difficult and sensitive one which will need more time to resolve.

We trust that you will understand the situation. As soon as this issue has been resolved, we will inform you.

For any inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me at 011 3971198.

Kind regards

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