

**THE NEGOTIATING FORUM, MEETING ON 1 AND 2 APRIL 1993**

**RESOLUTION ON VIOLENCE**

We, the participants at the Negotiating Forum meeting at the World Trade Centre on 1 And 2 April 1993:

- NOTING** \* With revulsion the unacceptable escalation of violence that is engulfing our country;
- OUTRAGED** \* At the recent killings particularly of women and children;
- CONCERNED** \* About the damage violence is inflicting on relations among people and organisations and the consequent deepening of divisions;
- AWARE** \* That violence poses a threat to the negotiating process which if it continues could wreck the process and plunge our country into an era of unprecedented conflict.

**DO HEREBY UNEQUIVOCALLY**

- CONDEMN** \* Without reservation the wanton killing and maiming of the citizens of our country;
- EXPRESS** \* Our sympathy and condolences to all those who are suffering in consequence;
- COMMIT OURSELVES** \* To effective joint action by all of us leading to the eradication of violence and to the attainment of peace in our country as soon as possible;
- \* To peaceful negotiations as the only way to resolve differences.

**AND THEREFORE RESOLVE TO**

1. Identify those issues that cause violence and which threaten the negotiating process and the effective implementation of the National Peace Accord.
2. Mandate the Negotiating Council to establish what urgent steps and mechanisms are required to resolve the above issues as a matter of national priority. The Negotiating Council shall report to the next meeting of the Negotiating Forum.