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CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY

CORE GROUP 3

**RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT**

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Room G26

(14H00)

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CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY

MEETING OF CORE GROUP THEME COMMITTEE 3

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

Please note that a meeting of the above committee will be held as indicated below:

Date : 20 March 1995

Time : 14h00

Venue : G26

AGENDA

1. Opening
 2. Minutes of the previous meeting
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 5. 5.1 Report back from Technical Committee
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CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
CORE GROUP 3
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT
TUESDAY 14 MARCH 1995 (AT 14H00)

PRESENT
DC DU TOIT (CHAIRPERSON)

Andrew KM
Dingani ZA (Alt) *
Groenewald PJ

Koornhof GW
Smith PF

*(* denotes alternate standing in for full member)*

Technical Advisors
None

Apologies
TJ King

Absent
P de Lille and NN Mapisa-Nqakula

Attendance
Sandra Haydon and Mbaso Mxenge

1. OPENING

The meeting was opened by DC Du Toit and the agenda was adopted.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were adopted with the following amendment:

- i. Para 10.1, 'request' replaces the word 'instruct.'

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 ADVERTISEMENT FOR PHASE 1

The Secretariat confirmed that the advertisement inviting submissions for Phase 1, Heading 2 appeared in the *Imvo, Ilanga*, *Sunday Times*, *Rapport* and *City Press*.

3.2 IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYERS LISTING

The members were reminded of the deadline of Tuesday 14 March 1995 for the submission of additional names to the Secretariat.

3.3 PROF VENTER

The ANC advised that the party has no problem with Prof Venter's role as Convenor of the Constitutional Committee of the *Afrikanerbond*.

3.4 FINANCIAL AND FISCAL COMMISSION

3.4.1 A concern was expressed that the FFC has not responded to requests for a workshop with the Theme Committee. Mr Andrew advised that the FFC will be appearing before the Finance Committee next week and suggested the Secretariat liaise with the FFC during their visit.

3.4.2 The meeting agreed that Prof Du Toit ask the Chairpersons to address the FFC in this regard.

3.4.3 The meeting agreed that the FFC be asked to provide the Theme Committee with any information which it has available.

3.4.4 Mr Andrew again raised the issue that the block relating to Financial and Fiscal Relations will be the most complex and will require that more time be allocated to it.

4. WORKSHOP

4.1 The meeting agreed to the nominations of Mr MS Manie and Mr JW Maree to attend the Conference and Workshop : Local Government Beyond 2000 to be held in Bloemfontein on 3, 4 and 5 April 1995.

4.2 It was suggested that members use their parliamentary air tickets, a saving which would cover the cost of registration of another member of the Theme Committee. The Secretariat was asked to discuss the matter with the Administration.

5. INPUT BY THE MEDIA DEPARTMENT

Mr Tango Lamani Deputy Assistant Director Media Liaison made an input on the following issues:

5.1 WEEKLY MEDIA BRIEFING

5.1.1 Mr Lamani explained that as the Press is not able to cover all Theme Committee meetings, the planned weekly briefings would give the Theme Committees an opportunity to give the Press a progress report and answer questions on the work thus far.

5.1.2 The meeting agreed that one person from the ANC would attend each week and the other parties would alternate one other.

5.2 ADVERTISING - PROGRESS REPORT

5.2.1 The members agreed that their workload does not allow time for the preparation of an advertisement and suggested that the Media Department refer to, and extract a report from the minutes.

6. EVALUATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

6.1 The meeting agreed that Theme Committee members who attended CPM's held on 11 and 12 March 1995 be asked to submit a written report to the Theme Committee.

6.2 Mr Smith advised that the IFP was very unhappy with the way in which the meeting at Gauteng was handled. Senator Rabinowitz made a submission to the Constitutional Committee on Monday 13 March 1995 which will be addressed by the Management Committee on Thursday 16 March 1995.

7. PENGUIN FILMS - CONSTITUTION PROGRAMME

7.1 Mr Lamani advised that the sponsor Liberty Life is negotiating with CCV to obtain a similar time slot to that of NNTV on the 10 April 1995. Each Theme Committee will be required to send party representatives.

7.2 The meeting asked that Mr Lamani obtain clarification as to the content of each programme.

8. JOINT CORE GROUP MEETING

The members agreed that as many members of the Core Group were available would attend the joint Theme Committee meeting as arranged by

Theme Committee 1 to discuss the manner in which overlapping areas would be handled.

9. CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES

9.1.1 The meeting asked the Secretariat to confirm with Prof Venter that he will conduct a workshop on the Constitutional Principles relative to the Theme Committee on 27 March 1995.

9.1.2 The meeting agreed that the Technical Advisors be asked to address the following outstanding issues:

- i. All contentious issues which do not fall under the Constitutional Principles; and
- ii. Models which are available in other countries on systems relating to the 'allocation of powers.'

10. AGENDA FOR THEME COMMITTEE MEETING ON 20 MARCH 1995

10.1 The meeting agreed to cancel the Theme Committee meeting and meet as a Core Group on the afternoon of the 20 March 1995.

11. GENERAL

11.1 The members agreed to submit written proposals of a restructured work programme to the next Core Group meeting which one of the Advisors would be asked to attend.

11.2 It was suggested that accommodation and travel arrangements be booked for the period up until the end of June for at least some of the advisors, which would be cancelled as necessary.

11.3 Mr KM Andrew asked it be recorded that it is his opinion that Theme Committee 3 will not complete its work by the June 95 deadline.

12. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 15h45.