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Dear Dr. Eloff

Kindly submit the following as the views of the N.P.P. to the Technical Committee on the Transitional Executive Council.

Need for the T.E.C.

There was definitely an emerging consensus at the Working Group No. 3 of Codesa on the need for the First Phase of the transition process in order to :

1. Have Independent control of the media, appoint an Independent Election Commission, etc.
2. Have Joint Control of the Security Establishment
3. Level the playing field (In respect of Social matters)

The N.P.P. fully supports the need for the establishment of the T.E.C.

Status

It is significant that the T.E.C. have Cabinet status in all respects.

Note ought to be taken of the fact that the status of Own Affairs Ministers is no different from that of a member of the Cabinet. The T.E.C. should function side by side, on equal terms, with the Executive of the country. It should not be inferior nor superior.

Composition

1. T.E.C. The T.E.C. should have at least one person from each participant at the M.P.N.P.
2. Sub-Councils . No participant should have more than one person serving on a Sub-Council.



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Each member of the T.E.C. must serve on at least one sub-council.

Substitutes should not be allowed.

Full Time Executives

The members of the T.E.C. or the Sub-Councils should be regarded as Executives - no higher or lower than a member of the Cabinet.

OBJECTIVES

In addition to the items listed in the first report of the Technical Committee it is necessary to highlight the levelling of the playing fields.

For this purpose there should be a sub-Council for Social Development. The T.E.C. must be empowered to deal with any matter if, in its opinion, that such matters have a negative impact on the levelling of the playing fields.

POWERS

The legislation must clearly define how the decisions of the T.E.C. would be implemented.

Furthermore the T.E.C. must have the power to call to its meetings any political office bearer or any official in respect of the matters that it would be dealing with.

CONDITION OF SERVICE, remuneration, allowances, etc

All members of the T.E.C. and the sub-councils should be remunerated equally. If a member of the T.E.C. is a member of a statutory body or an official of a statutory body receiving a salary from the State then if the salary is lower than what a member of the T.E.C. would be remunerated with then such a member should be paid only the difference by the T.E.C. so that each one would be remunerated equally.

The N.P.P. is of the view that the necessary draft legislation be prepared and in order to create the climate of confidence the T.E.C. should be established without any further delay.

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