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Chairperson: Chairman, comrade and comrades welcome to this meeting. The basic document is one dated Tuesday the 14th of February. Reference number in the top right hand corner on the front page, T3/12 and the proposed Agenda is on the first page. Before we get into the Minutes, may I just give a couple of notes of pieces of information by way of explanation. You will recall after the Orientation Workshop that we had, that the Call Group met and the intended procedure was that the technical experts would do a second draft of a report and they were briefed accordingly, that there would be a meeting on Monday afternoon of the Call Group at three o'clock with the technical experts to look at that draft to make any fine tuning suggestions at that stage and to then make it available to the Theme Committee who would then meet yesterday and depending on the progress we made, we as the Theme Committee would then decide what the next step was. Well unfortunately we've been beset by problems big and small. The first one was that the Constitutional Committee changed it's meeting time from ten on Monday morning till two on Monday afternoon which meant that half of our Call Group would not have been able to meet with us on Monday afternoon, so we then had to postpone the Call Group Meeting until yesterday afternoon and in turn we were then obliged to postpone this Theme Committee Meeting till this morning. We received a second draft report from the Technical Committee which the Call Group considered yesterday afternoon. Now unfortunately I think because of the fact the technical experts came in halfway through our process on Block 1, that we had almost completed the process when they came into it and rather rushed meetings in terms of communication and so on, both the format and the aspects of the content of that report, was not what the Call Group had intended it to be in relation to the discussions here and the framework for that report that had been agreed within this Theme Committee and a few members of the Call Group agreed to in fact themselves, try to recast that report into a format, that would be in accordance with the framework agreed by the Theme Committee. They work yesterday afternoon and evening. They did not anticipate, they will complete there job completely and so I'll ask Mr Smith, who is as far as I can see, the only member amongst that group who is here at present, just to tell us what progress they have made, because the proposal I think is going to be that we possibly hand all the matters of the Minutes, get the Minutes out of the way, that we then adjourn for a period like an hour and a half or two hours to give that group an opportunity to try and finish there drafting of the report or the proposed report to come to the Theme Committee for it's approval or amendment, so that's the broad intention, but Mr Smith could I just ask you to bring us into the updating, into the picture please?

Mr Smith:

Chairperson the Call Group, the four people who are going to do this, is myself, Miss De Lille, Mr Gordon, Mr Carrim, he was here, he had disappeared. Okay, we started off last night and we did a lot of work and it's at the stage where we could finished it very shortly. What we essentially did was to go back to the original framework that we had, then to extract from every parties submission (?) and tabulate them and this we've done in the document that's here. We have not distributed it yet, because we had hope the Call Group might have met this morning, but unfortunately they have not arrived and the idea then having isolated all the issues, was then to rephrase them, select those that are key, because some of it was overlap, parties express similar sentiments and certain issues and then to rephrase some of them and narrow the focus slightly and then end up with a list of issues. We did not believe it was our duty to designate whether they were contentious or not, so what we are hoping to do this morning is to complete that exercise and then if the Theme Committee could reconvene and might I suggest that it is not in an hour, may be since this meeting is officially from 8:30 to 1:00, if perhaps we could reconvene about 12:00, it give us a bit more time to work on it and then, we would then have a document with all the issues listed and it's simply a question of us then as a group, going through each one briefly, so if it is contentious or non contentious, we put it in the right category and the report would then be essentially complete. We also worked in two groups essentially because we found that the time would help in terms of trying to get the thing done in time and so Mr Carrim was working on the Local Government side, we were also doing some Local Government, so we have to merge these as well, but I do believe we can give an acceptable report through by 12:00 if we could reconvene then.

Chairperson:

Thank you Mr Smith. Yes Dr King.

Dr King:

May I just mention that if we have to in fact, make decisions on what is contentious and non contentious between twelve and one o'clock, I am afraid that we would not be able to say that we accept that document unless we go back again to our principles, because that was really what the report was about, is to what is contentious and non contentious and that is something which we cannot decide here, that is not possible.

Chairperson:

Yes point taken. A procedure we might, if we do have something by twelve o'clock, we might do a preliminary run through and then look by working backwards, by when the documents sort of required where ever possibly try and set up a very brief sort of half hour meeting or something later in the week to enable us to finalize and between today and that meeting, to give parties an opportunity to refer back to their principles or there caucusus or

who ever they need to consult before they give a final view on what they brief is contentious and non contentious and in the sense it should not give rise to too much discussion, because every party has the right to say that it believes that the issue is contentious and if one party believes an issue is contentious, then it is contentious, it is not a question of dispute as to whether it should or should not be contentious, but I think let's get, let's at least get as far as we can today. I accept that the National Party and there may be others as well will not may be in a position to give a final stamp of approval or rejection for that matter, but I think let's try and progress as best we can and then in that session between twelve and one we can also decide how we move forward from there. I would propose then to the Theme Committee that we hand all on our Agenda, the issue of the Minutes that still have to be confirmed, that we then adjourn, which would hopefully be in five to ten minutes until twelve o'clock at which time we would hope to have a report from the four reporters who are doing the work on the report. They have made a lot of progress already, but there is quite a bit to be done. Is that procedure, does that procedure meet with the approval of the Theme Committee? We go ahead on that basis? Thank you very much. So if we can just look at Minutes then which are part of your pack. The first set of Minutes are those dated Wednesday the 1st of February which start on page 5 of your pack. Page 5 gives the attendance. These I might say, these were distributed yesterday or the day before, so people have an opportunity of looking at them, sorry last week, sorry, I beg your pardon, last week, so you had even more opportunity to look at them. Page 6, 7, 8, 9, so it goes up to page 9, the set of Minutes. Are there any amendments corrections, additions that people wish to have? It don't appear to be so, so the Minutes of Wednesday, the 1st of February, I can take those as being in order? Thank you. And then the Minutes of the 2nd of February, comments on page 10 of your pack, Thursday the 2nd of February and these run through to page 14. Are there any corrections, amendments to these Minutes? It's Thursday the 2nd of February. There don't appear to be, so I can take those as in order. Agreed? Thank you. And then there is a third set of Minutes, but nearer the front, for the Meeting of the 7th of February, Tuesday the 7th which start on page 2 and goes through to page 4, that's last Tuesday's Minutes. Are those in order? Any corrections? Amendments? Yes Peter?

Peter: Sorry Chairperson I did not realise it's going back to front, sort of other way around?

Chairperson: Well we are doing it in date sequence okay? Okay?

Peter: Forgive me please, but the, when we have these transcripts of the presentations, I've got no problem necessary with what they say, but what extend is it a, does it cover the entire presentation as

apposed to, it seems almost as if it covers the first sort of 15 minutes of it and then decided that the transcription is a lot of work and perhaps would have stopped. Is it actually an overview of the general discussion or is it just a select bit of the discussion?

Chairperson: Sorry, could we just focus at least on one, so I know what you are talking about in very general terms, but may be if we can focus on one, you can give us the page reference, then we can.

Peter: Page 6, 7 and 8 for example, I do recall those things being said, but I also recall the discussion was a lot more intensive, so my question really is to what extent is this a reflection of the discussion? Is it essentially just a snapshot of part of it or is it what exactly?

Chairperson: All right, well I'll ask Sandra to comment.

Sandra: Chairperson this is dealing only with the question and answer part of the meeting. I know there is a great deal discussed beforehand, but I was hoping that perhaps parties will be submitting further additional written input, but if we need a transcript done of this, if it is required, then we can arrange for it to be done. We get it done by an outside firm, it's a little bit much for the secretary to cope with.

Chairperson: Okay, I must say it's not relevant to what we are doing today, my view personally is that there is no need to minute other than the fact that the discussion took place. I don't think in my view there's any need to minute questions and answers, because how do you do a full transcript like Hansard or otherwise it becomes in my view a rather impossible task of somebody trying to sort out what they think is the main thread of what somebody is saying and in politics exact words and nuances are often quite important to people and it just adds to workload, but we don't have to sort that out now in terms of the future, but I think when we come to those kind of discussions, the Meeting in the Chair, we should make a decision as to how much we need minuted, because I think otherwise one can run into quite serious difficulty. We were actually on the Minutes, you've not objection or proposing a particular amendment? Okay.

Peter: Chairperson I would like to make one correction, but perhaps you want to finish this Minutes first, this is in the second section.

Chairperson: Okay well let me finish the Minutes of the 7th which is on pages 2 to 4. Are there any corrections or amendments to those Minutes? No? Well then I will take those as being in order, thank you. We have actually approve the other Minutes, but Peter if, if there is something you would like to bring up at this stage, let's do it?

Peter: Very briefly, at page 6, the fourth line from the bottom is meaningless, it says, there is a strong distinction between the independence sort and independence, that should be I think the autonomy sort.

Chairperson: Right that's the first line of the last answer on page 6, should read, there is a strong distinction between the autonomy sort and independence. Agreed that we make that alteration? Thank you. There may or may not be anything arising at this stage from those Minutes, I prefer not to handle that now, because I would like to give the people who are working on the report, as much time as possible, because I think that is our top priority, so unless there is something of urgent importance, I would like to adjourn the meeting till 12:00 noon and wish the very best of wishes to the four people who are working so diligently on the report. Is that in order? All right the meeting is adjourned, we reconvene in this room twelve o'clock sharp please. Thank you very much for your attendance.

Meeting adjourned - Reconvene

Chairperson: Section of the Call Group who had volunteered to and had already done a lot of work on drafting a possible or a first report for presentation, which they in fact have been doing and perhaps I can ask one of them just to, a little report on the status, where there (?) of that exercise and then secondly, possibly if they want to give an outline before we have it on front of us, I believe it's in the process of being copied, so it will be coming to us in due course, but if one of the members of that group would like to just fill us in, I think that will be helpful. Yes thank you.

Sure thank you. What I'll do is firstly give an outline of the process we went through and secondly to perhaps, before that, say that yes there is a first document ready for parties to discuss and give feedback on and we can then work out the process of how we have received that feedback and amend the document and finally approve it. It's been copied at the moment, so it should be here shortly. In terms of the process itself, the first thing that was done was each of the parties submission were going through and under the five headings that we have been working with until now, an extraction was made in the parties actual words in respect of any substantive matter that the party actually talked about, the thrills of course in terms of explanations and definitions and so on, will have doubt, because that's in the parties submission, so in going through the parties submission all the points, not whether they are contemptuous or not the matter at that stage, all the relevant points pretending to for example, South Africa's specific conditions or pretending to democratic principles and so on, were extracted and there is a document available which actually shows what those extractions are, which party they came from and that's the

second document that we worked through. Following on that, what we did was to take out the key words from each of the extracted quotations and those key words were then put into the third document, so under each of the headings, Democratic Principles, Provincial Principles, what ever, all the key words were put in regardless again of which party they actually came from. Then the fourth document we drafted was one which tried attempted very crudely to distil those key words into key concepts into contentious and non contentious under each of the categories, so the document that each of us will be receiving, is the forth document, i.e. that which distils the key concepts emerging from the parties under the five headings and in respect of each of those five categories. Now let me point out that what we have also done, is to say that this report will be in three parts. The first part is the introductory part which we will talk about be process issues and that has not been done yet, we are relying on (?) to help us with that. The second part will be with reference to Provincial Government and the third part will be with reference to Local Government. There will be a note in the first part which indicates that submissions from civil society would be dealt with in a separate report when the Call Group and the Theme Committee must say how we want to deal with that, so in summary Chair, we have actually drafted four documents, if you can put it that way, starting from the parties submissions, extracting quotations, extracting key ideas and then arranging them very roughly in terms of contentious and non contentious and our suggestion would be that at this point in time, it will be fruitless discussing that, is there for clarification, that the parties should actually take their document back and see whether the ideas content under each of those sections and subsections, are an approximation of what we would consider to be contentious and non contentious. Thank you. Well you know the four people who have worked on that.

Chairperson:

Yes for, perhaps for some members who may not have been here earlier, the four people were Previne Gordhan, Peter Smith, Patricia de Lille and Yunice Kassiem and I think we... Carrim, I beg your pardon, sorry I must have. Well we have not seen the product of the labourers yet, but I am convinced we will (?) gratitude for the work they have done on the effort. Yes Peter?

Peter:

Chairperson the draft that is coming now, has been produced under time pressure, we would actually have required a bit more time, so it will be full of commatical errors, socialistic errors, it's untidy, not complete, that is just dealing with the issues as we saw fit and I think it was also important to stress that it is only a first discussion document for us as members of the Theme Committee to take away and that parties would be welcome to refer to their original submissions and see to what extends key issues they are mentioned are not included or are included, so it's not to meant be in any sense a final, it's not a final document from my point of

into account parties submissions, comments, not submissions really, that could then go forward and the table is part of the Constitutional Assembly documents for Monday. If we don't follow ~~that progress or that timetable, then we will have not be able to~~ have a report for the Constitutional Assembly on Monday, certainly not any kind of substantive report other than a record that we had a workshop and we met ten times and we had so and so address us and we're working hard and had to produce something soon. May I just have some comments on the practicality and desirability or otherwise of what I'm suggesting in terms of a process or a schedule from now till tomorrow afternoon?

Yes Peter?

Peter:

I'm just thinking Chair, on the basis of this very schematic draft we have now, there was also, there is a need still to finish this, I mean as Previne said, the Local Government side has not been done, because run out of time, so the idea was to continue this afternoon in any event, tiding it up and continue the same process on local as been applied to provincial. Now theoretically then the whole, the cause of today and if necessary even tonight, one could still be receiving stuff. I was wondering whether there's any utilities, if caucuses start tomorrow at nine, is there any utility for example now in us as the Theme Committee meeting at eight and going, in other words used this afternoon and this evening to receive changes. I think may be tomorrow morning and then caucus, because I'm wondering if we meet after the caucuses, because certain parties want to caucus on the issue, if we meet afterwards and we will then effecting major changes, then you can't go back to caucus, so it will seem preferable if there are substantial changes to be made, to made them before causes rather than after.

Chairperson:

Yes you've said of course the Theme at some point, the Theme Committee as a whole, as to say yes we adopt that as our report, so I've got no problem if the people doing the drafting feel that, mean that that kind of process, that kind of time schedule can be met. The thing is that what happened if a party goes to it's caucus and the caucus says, I'm afraid we want some small changes. What is the kind of referication procedure, because you then may be need a Theme Committee in the afternoon again to rectify any of that, so that's the only complication I would see. Tersia did you indicate?

Tersia:

Yes, we just received a schedule here of meetings and we have to be at a meeting tomorrow afternoon between two and four with the Chairpersons of the Constitutional Assembly, so tomorrow afternoon would be out. I just though I just draw your attention no otherwise we work (?).

Chairperson: Between to and four. Ja well tomorrow afternoon too is problematic. The schedule suggested by Peter, are there comments on that, namely that we produce our comments as fast as possible, feed them in as we have them, as soon as we have them ready and that this Theme Committee meet tomorrow morning at eight or eight thirty or some time of that sort. Yes Peter?

Peter: According to the schedule here, caucuses starting at ten thirty, so it is quite a bit of time in the morning.

Chairperson: Well just saying what is clear. The proposal or the suggestion is that we take this document and each of the parties looks at it and feed in during the course of this afternoon and early evening changes that it wants and the Theme Committee then meets again tomorrow morning at eight thirty, would have you to adopting a report which can then be handed in and will then be part of the Constitutional Assembly documents on Monday, now are there comments on that proposal? This mean the silent majority is in favour or so stunned, do you want me to repeat it? Right, we've all got this document now, we take it away, we consult who ever we feel we need to consult whether it's our Group or our Principals or what ever, that during the course of this afternoon, each party feeds in each required amendments to the document to we'll, I'll just sort out whether we do it to one of the four people doing the report or whether it do it by the secretary or whatever the postal procedure is, that they will then revise the report in according to the amendments, if they feel some amendments is problematic for some reason, they may or may not revise that bit. Being familiar with this report as well as the amendments one is wanting, the Disc Committee then meets the Theme Committee meets at 8:30 tomorrow morning, we then get an updated version of this with the hope that then than meet with all our approval, because we hope that the amendments requested by individual parties have been able to be taken on board to an extendedly such as satisfactory to the parties. If we then can reach agreement, this can then be forwarded into the process as of this report and can then be part of the documentation of the Constitutional Assembly on Monday, so that us I understand it is the proposal. Well of course you will have it for your caucus meetings tomorrow, so if you want final rectification from a bigger body, we would have to contemplate if problems arise at that point, what we then do. I think we would then have to resign ourselves to accepting, if there problems arising from the caucuses, that we will probably then have to say well in that case we can't meet the first Constitution Assembly deadline, but Ramond were you indicating?

Raymond: The 8:30 meeting is not possible for at least three members of the ANC who have Provincial Caucus Meetings tomorrow morning.

Chairperson: Heunis?

Heunis: (Inaudible)

Chairperson: Okay I'd like to get the process first and then the actual report. Does that now of the ANC in general of the members, well you said at least three, I obviously don't know how many are involved and how many are not involved. Are they able to feed there comments through... (intervene)

I think if other people, if there are not other meetings, we could arrange to have alternative delegates take our places.

Chairperson: And convey any views you have by colleagues that you know are going to be here? Okay so that in itself is not insuperable. Yes Heunis?

Heunis: (?) there is quite a few of us that can't make it actually.

Pierre I won't be here either, but I mean if we get other people, well if we don't do that, what do we do?

Chairperson: Mrs Coetzee, is that your name I think, sorry.

Mrs Coetzee: Ja actually I think all provinces are having caucuses in the mornings from eight o'clock, so the suggestion of two o'clock tomorrow after, I think that will, can be acceptable.

Chairperson: Yes the problem is apparently, there is a meeting of all Call Group or all Chairperson tomorrow between two and four which you then knocks out large numbers of the Call Group if not the whole Call Group, I'm not sure exactly who's part of that meeting?

The meeting in the afternoon which does at two (?) is also be the meeting between the Chairpersons (?) and members of the Call Groups are (?) and I don't know whether it shall be advisable to pass that meeting because the fact (?)

Mr Chairperson I don't know, it looks like we, been a problem situation here, I would like to appeal to members, because it appears that without the eight o'clock meeting we won't need to move forward, that people are try, try to excuse themselves from the Provincial Caucuses and perhaps (?) issues at that level, they do that in writing with their caucuses, I don't know, because we have to do this by tomorrow.

Chairperson: A theoretical alternative would be to have the report available for the parties and the revised report so to speak at half past eight, nine o'clock tomorrow morning, which they can then take to their caucuses, if they wish to do so and then the theme committee

could look at meeting at four o'clock or quarter past four, half past four tomorrow afternoon, hopefully for the one hour meeting. I'm suggesting, I happen to know that I can't go to any afternoon meeting tomorrow, because I've got something else, but that is not the Theme Committee's problem, so that would be an alternative, would that be easier than a half past eight in the morning meeting? Could I have some, there seem to be some people who think that might be better? Is that the general view?

All right, well it does seem to be, so what I would like to suggest then is that, yes Previne?

Previne: What I would like to do when you think it's appropriate is just run through this document if you don't mind.

Chairperson: I just want to get the, all right, so the process is as follows, that has been agreed as far as I understand it. If that's all, may I just check, is it the Working Group on the document, are you meeting in (?) house at present or where would you like parties submissions and the party comments between now and five o'clock this afternoon to be fed as and when they're ready?

Chairperson can I just think about that for a minute, I'm not quite sure how many of us are going to be doing it simultaneously and...(intervene)

Chairperson: All right before the end of the meeting obviously we have to tell people where they got to send things. Okay, the intention is that we will take these documents and each party that wishes to do so during the course of today, will submit any comments amendments that it requires, to whatever location we decide upon. People doing the drafting will during the course of the afternoon as they, well there are things they are wanting to complete anyway and in addition as they receive feedback from the parties, will make adjustments as they see fit and are able to incorporate, that at some designated place, preferably early tomorrow morning, either or delivery to our offices at least to one, at least one to each party that start and hopefully to all members of the Theme Committee, a revised document will then be made available not later than say nine o'clock tomorrow morning. Parties will then if they wish to do so, or else he'd look at the document that they wish to do so or process it through their caucuses and this Theme Committee will meet at half past four tomorrow afternoon, Thursday afternoon for no longer than an hour. I think we will have to, as I say I'm not actually going to be here, but I think that we would need to agree. If we can't sort it out within an hour, we'll have to call it a day and look at tackling it elsewhere, because if we haven't sorted out differences or problems at that stage, I don't see that as a prolong Theme Committee Meeting, that we meet at half past four, sort it out hopefully and hand it in and we then have a report. Okay, so

that is the procedure we are going to follow, for example where we are going to meet tomorrow afternoon, people will have to be informed tomorrow morning because the secretary will have to find out which rooms are available so I think our obvious preference

stage. Okay, so that is the agreed process, now in terms of the document, the drafters wanted to make some comments I think, who ever, so could I have an indication, anybody, yes Previne?

Previne: Chair I think in all famous, we should just run through the document since this is before us now.

Chairperson: Yes I think that would be... (intervene)

Previne: And also just to cover some ground that we covered earlier because a number of people came in later.

Mr Chairman I'm just asking myself, we have so little time to react to this afternoon, because I personally have two other meetings.

Chairperson: Yes.

And I thought it would help us more if we could just address the document ourselves and actually go through it here and I would suggest that we take the document each on our own and work through it.

Previne: I'm not got to go into the substance, just want to show what is on each page and there are certain pages to be deleted, cause there scrap in here accidentally.

Chairperson: Ja I'm sure we looking at an exercise of three to five minutes aren't we?

Previne: Less if possible.

Chairperson: Okay I think let's... (intervene)

Previne: Just to make a note Chair that on the first page we will have a preamble which explains what the whole report contents and as I said earlier on, that there will be three parts, the first part is on processes, the second part on the Provincial Government System and the third part on the Local Government System. The second point to repeat what we said earlier on, is that this is the fourth document that was procured in the cause of writing this report. The first was an extraction of quotations of each party from their own submissions, the second was the extraction of key concepts and the third was to arrange those key concepts in terms of contentious and non contentious and this is what we have out of that. The first page then is on the Provincial Government System.

You can see at the bottom South Africa's specific conditions, non contentious issues which runs on to page 2, contentious issues which runs on to page 3. However, what is marked as paragraph 3, under page 3, the whole of that paragraph should be deleted, because it's actually captured at the bottom of page 2, so the whole of paragraph 3... (intervene)

Chairperson: That's the paragraph noted implementation or constitution.

Point 3 is fine, it's from diversity to IFP.

Previne: Right the diversity to the last line of that paragraph where it ended IFP, that should be deleted because it's a repetition. The first two lines under implementation and interim constitution remains. All right? Then the next section is democratic principles, that's page 3, page 4 is non contentious issues, page 5 are the contentious issues. The middle of page 5 are the Provincial Government principles, non contentious and then contentious which goes on to page 6 and at the top of page 7, then (d) elements of the Provincial System, that's page 7 and to the top of page 8 and then the miscellaneous section. The next two pages are on Local Government System, but this is an earlier document, people are of course welcome to read it, but we should now detach these two pages from this document because the next document that you have is actually part two. The second document **that** you've got in your hands, the nature of the Local Government System, that's the document that we should look at as part 2 if you can please mark it part 2.

Chairperson: Sorry I can't, I don't know if I got that, o I have ja, okay yes, thank you.

Previne: All right so what we are saying... (intervene)

Chairperson: It's actually in terms of your thing, it's... (intervene)

Previne: It's actually part 3.

Chairperson: It's actually going to end up in part 3?

Previne: Ja.

Chairperson: Ja.

Previne: So part 3 is the nature of the Local Government System and the similar pattern of non contentious and contentious is followed. The specific conditions are already there, the democratic principles will be the same as we have in the Provincial Government, part 2 and the non contentious and contentious aspects of the Local Government Principles are on page 2 and 3.

This document obviously needs further work to, but broadly that's the document that you have in front of you.

Chairperson: Thank you very much, I think that's helpful and people can see the things in the prospective. Now the two things that we need at present, are where must we send our comments? Okay, so you'll be required to send comments by the end of close of play today, to an address to be determined. We will all receive a revised consolidated report by nine o'clock tomorrow morning. Okay and there will then be a Theme Committee Meeting at half past four tomorrow afternoon, you'll be advised during the course of the day where or may be even this afternoon, but which room it's going to be in, at half past four with the intention then of adopting a report which can be handed to the Constitutional Assembly so and individual within organizations parties that are not able to make it today, can convey I'm sure through their colleagues verbal messages.

(End of tape 1)

(Beginning of tape 2)

Chairperson: Make I just make on appeal, each of us, if we were to write a report, would write it slightly differently and choose slightly different words, so that to the extend that the report in essence conveys the correct impression of what your parties stands is on a particular issue, let's not get to involved in a redrafting things, whole big sections with different words that mean the same thing, so it's just an appeal, because otherwise I think we are going to run into problems, that not to deny any individual or party the right to make suggested amendments in respective of any or all sections. Pierre, where do you want the, I'm sorry this microphone is going on and off, I'm not doing anything, where would you like the submissions?

Pierre: At Sandra.

Sandra: Chairperson piece of all will come over, work over there in my office and if the other people have or the parties have changes to be made, if they can be faxed through to us, or if it's a minor thing, to telephone.

Chairperson: Right, well can we just have your telephone number, your fax number and your room numbers?

Sandra: Okay the extension is 267 and my room number is 908, that's the 9th Floor in Regious House, Fax number is 4614339.

Chairperson: Okay what is the telephone number that that's the extension of?

- Sandra:** That's a new one, I'll just get it for you.
- Chairperson:** Okay but look obviously really you should telephone simply to say some things on it's way or something, please it will be impossible if Sandra's is being asked to take down a numerous change amendment will proposed amendments over the phone. The telephone number is?
- Sandra:** 245031.
- Chairperson:** 234031.
- Sandra:** Correct.
- Chairperson:** Extension 267.
- Sandra:** Correct.
- Chairperson:** That's Sandra's telephone, the fax which is the preferred method, 4614339 and her room number in Regious House which is in Adderley Street or Church Street, I'm not sure what address they call it, is 908, so if you want to hand deliver something I suppose to faxing it, that's an alternative. Now if people can get those comments through, possibly even piecemeal if necessary, as quickly as possible, it's going to facilitated and make it much, facilitate the work of the group doing the writing, because the quicker they can get in comments, the quicker they can start incorporating them. Is there anything else that needs to be handled this afternoon? Yes?
- Sandra:** If I might just Chairperson, there's another number, the faxes are often quite busy, but if you phone 2274 and ask for another fax number, they will be able to give it to you, but I don't have the new number.
- Chairperson:** Is that in internal extension phone number, all right, so let's, you don't have to, it's not an outside, it's a 503 number and the extension is 2274, well not the extension, well it's the Parliamentary Extension 2274 and you ask for the fax number and there's an alternative fax number if you can't get through on the other one.
- Pierre:** Just a question, that fax number, the first one, is it direct to your office or is it communal?
- Sandra:** No unfortunately we don't have it on our floor, it's on the 10th floor, but it doesn't take a moment.
- Chairperson:** Yes, but I think make it very clear on those faxes you send, it for Sandra Heyden, Room 908, Urgent or whatever and if you want

it widely distributed, put "Uiters Geheim" on it. Okay are there any other matters? All we are adjourned, half past four tomorrow afternoon the Theme Committee meets. Thank you and Miss de Lille will be in the chair as I will not be able to be here, if you don't mind, thank's Patricia.

MEETING ADJOURNED