

TO : THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD
MULTI PARTY NEGOTIATIONS FORUM

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SUBJECT : ENSURING THAT CHILD RIGHTS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN
DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD

Dear Adv. Moseneke,

Our telephonic conversation this morning refers.

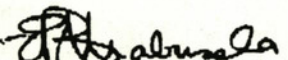
The NCRC is concerned about the fact that child rights have not been provided for in the commissions under the transitional arrangements.

We appreciate the fact that the TEC is an administrative organ leading to elections and that children are mentioned in the draft constitution and Bill of Rights. However, it is our belief that this country must, from the very beginning, make special provision for a commission on Child Rights and not assume that these will automatically be protected via the Bill of Rights, as was assumed in the USA.

It is imperative if this country is to meet the global deadline proposed for the ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which is 1995, that these issues begin to be taken up at this stage of negotiations.

Your stating the case for children in the Technical Committee on Human Rights is always appreciated.

Sincerely


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