

PROCEDURAL ISSUES - REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Recommended Criteria and Process for New Participants

The Planning Committee has discussed this issue on several occasions and submits the following recommendations:

1.1 Political Parties or Organisations to qualify, must show:

1.1.1 That it is indeed a political party or organisation intending to participate as such in the first election under a transitional/new constitution;

1.1.2 That it has proven substantial support in a national context;

1.1.3 That its admission will enhance the peaceful negotiating process.

1.2 Traditional Leaders

The principle of provincial representation should be maintained for the time being, but the problems around the representivity of existing delegations should be addressed in consultation with and a manner acceptable to all concerned. This issue should be discussed in the meeting of the Negotiating Council and, if necessary, be referred back to the Planning Committee.

1.3 Other Applicants

It is proposed that applications of organisations who are not political parties or organisations, be refused.

1.4 The problem of both the Administrations and political parties in one region participating in the Negotiating Process, has not been resolved and will require further attention.

2. Process

The following process for dealing with applications of political parties or organisations is proposed:

2.1 Applicants should be informed of the criteria and requested to submit whatever facts and arguments they wish to, but they should be required to at least respond to the questionnaire annexed to this report (Annexure A);

2.2 Administration should cause a newspaper survey over the preceding year to be conducted to establish the type of press coverage every applicant has received;

2.3 As soon as all the information is at hand in respect of a particular application, it is put before the Negotiating Council for a decision.

2. **Name of the Process**

It is recommended that this issue is removed from the agenda and that the process be simply known as the Multi-Party Negotiating Process.

3. **Role of the International Community**

It is recommended that this issue, likewise, is removed from the agenda, because it will be dealt with at the level of the Technical Sub-Committees, where appropriate. Participants will have the opportunity to make inputs at this level.

4. **Media Arrangements**

After having received a report from the Communications Committee (Annexure B), the Planning Committee recommends the following:

4.1 That, for the meetings of the Negotiating Council of 18 May, 24 and 28 May 1993, the SABC is requested to arrange audio and video feed as is presently the case;

4.2 That the Communications Committee, in liaison with the Administration, draft a tender pro-forma for the purpose of putting the coverage of Negotiating Council meetings out on tender;

4.3 That recommendations of the Communications Committee from the Negotiating Forum be dealt with at a later stage;

4.4 That Administration take note of the last part of the report.

5. **Assistance to the Negotiating Council Chairpersons**

In terms of Item 7.2 of the Standing Rules it is stated that both the Negotiating Forum and the Council "shall be chaired by a core panel of Chairpersons (assisted by two persons from within the Negotiating Council)". After discussing this issue at length, the Planning Committee recommends to the Negotiating Council to recommend to the next meeting of the Negotiating Forum that this should not be applicable to the

Negotiating Council, but only to the Negotiating Forum.

The reason for this is largely a practical one. The present practice, by which the Chairperson of a meeting is assisted by the in-coming Chair (for sake of continuity) and by the previous Chairperson of the Planning Committee (for the sake of reporting back from the Planning Committee), is working very well. To add to one Chairperson and two assistant Chairpersons another two assistants from the Negotiating Council would be impractical and would achieve the aim of improving the effectivity of the meeting. Furthermore, the absence of two more leaders from their delegations would in fact detract from effective contribution and participation in the meeting.

6. Participation of Non-South Africans in the Negotiating Process

- 6.1 A distinction should be drawn between the role of the international community in this process versus the participation of non-South Africans in the structures of the negotiations process;
- 6.2 In the Plenary, in the Negotiating Forum, in the Negotiating Council, in the Planning Committee or in any sub-structures set up by these structures, non-South Africans cannot be participants on the basis that they are representing in either delegate or adviser capacity any participating organisation, however,
- 6.3 With regard to Technical Sub-Committees individual participants may seek advise from non-South Africans on a technical basis or the Technical Sub-Committees may request technical or expert inputs from non-South Africans should that be required, but again not as a participant.

7. Procedures on Resolutions in the Negotiating Forum

To achieve a balance between the right of participants to air their views and the effectivity of arriving at constructive resolutions, the Planning Committee recommends as follows:

- 7.1 The right of participants to speak on all relevant matters, should at all times be acknowledged;
- 7.2 The Chairperson has the responsibility and the right to guide the meeting in a constructive and facilitating manner;
- 7.3 Every proposed resolution should have a proposer and a seconder;
- 7.4 Each resolution should initially come before the meeting of the Negotiating Forum;

- 7.4 If necessary, the Forum can decide to create an ad hoc Resolutions Committee to facilitate the drafting of a resolution taking into account, as far as possible, all views expressed.

Report Back regarding new applications for participation

African Democratic Movement	Application received
Christian Democratic Party	Application received - via Bophuthatswana Government offices - c/o WTC
People's Progressive Party	Letter received - requests extension on response due to staff not being at work as a result of riots
Green Party	Message left - on colindictor to contact administration urgently
National Seoposengwe Party	Faxed 24/05/93 - waiting for response
People's Democratic Christian Party	Leader in Holland - no other contact number and nobody else can assist.
National Forum	Faxed 24/05/93 - awaiting response
Merit People's Party	Faxed 24/05/93 - has requested extension of time - see attached letter
United Federal Party	No Phone or Fax numbers available for follow-up.
Sindawonye Progressive Party	No phone or Fax numbers available for follow-up.
Third Force Nationalist Party	Phone Numbers - changed - new numbers cannot be traced.
Reform Party	Faxed 24/05/93
Insika National Party	No telephone or Fax details available for follow-up