

THESE DRAFT MINUTES ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND RESTRICTED TO MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THE NEGOTIATING COUNCIL. THE MINUTES ARE STILL TO BE RATIFIED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD AT 08H40 ON FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER 1993 AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE**

- PRESENT :
- PJ Gordhan (Chairperson by rotation)
  - C Kruger
  - RP Meyer
  - MC Ramaphosa
  - S Sigcau
  - J Slovo
  - Z Titus
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- M Maharaj (Sub-Committee)
  - SS van der Merwe (Sub-Committee)
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- T Eloff (Administration)
  - G Hutchings (Minutes)

**1. Moment of Prayer/Meditation**

A moment of prayer/meditation was observed by all members.

**2. Welcome and Attendance**

2.1 All members were welcomed. Also present at the meeting were RJ Dombo and MJ Mahlangu from the Lebowa Government, A Fourie of the South African Government and L Landers as the current Negotiating Council Chairperson.

2.2 Absent from the meeting were R Cronje, FT Mdlalose, B Ngubane (sub-committee) and M Webb.

2.3 Apologies for non-attendance were noted from C Eglin.

**3. Lebowa Government Request**

3.1 The Chairperson of the Planning Committee gave a summary of the agreement reached at the last meeting of the Planning Committee with regard to this issue.

- 3.2 RJ Dombo of the Lebowa Government proceeded to give an input to the meeting with regard to the immediate relevant issues. Following therefrom, A Fourie of the South African Government proceeded to give an input with regard to the immediate relevant issues (see Addendum A).
- 3.3 After discussion, it was suggested that the overall situation was deteriorating and required urgent attention and intervention from all concerned parties.
- 3.4 It was noted that the Planning Committee encouraged in the first instance bilateral meetings between the Lebowa Administration and the South African Government to resolve the fundamental issues in dispute. In this context it was agreed that the proposed meeting between the State President and the Chief Minister of Lebowa should take place in the next few days.
- 3.5 It was further noted that the Planning Committee was available to both parties to take the matter further should the need arise early next week on the basis of what happened at a bilateral level.
- 3.6 In respect of the specific issues identified, it was agreed that both parties should take an opportunity to communicate with each other with a view to co-operate to normalise the situation and to resolve the issues bilaterally in the first instance.
- 3.7 It should be clarified whether the civil servants had been dismissed or whether they were put on leave only, as this was the issue that seemed to have sparked off the present strike. The parties were encouraged to clarify the position between themselves and the public servants immediately.
- 3.8 It was suggested that the perception in Lebowa was that the SAP was not conducting itself in an unbiased manner. The South African Government was requested to look into this issue as the Planning Committee was unable to say exactly what the situation was, but the perception should be addressed.
- 3.9 It should be ensured at a bilateral level that all salaries and suppliers are paid and all services are restored. This should be done immediately with the people of Lebowa's interests at heart. A joint call to the public servants to return to work should be considered, while the issues are being dealt with by the Lebowa Administration and the South African Government on a bilateral level.
- 3.10 It was noted that the above would solve the immediate/interim problem. Furthermore, if no results were obtained, the parties were free to refer the matter back to the Planning Committee for its further attention.
- 3.11 It was suggested that the Subcouncil of the TEC on Local and Regional and Traditional Authorities and the other Subcouncils of the TEC that could deal with issues that arose on an ongoing basis should be informally set-up to deal



with issues such as this. This would ensure that matters would be dealt with effectively at a lower level albeit on an informal basis, pending the final decision to be taken later. Planning Committee members were requested to apply their minds to this suggestion. It was agreed that this issue should appear on the Planning Committee agenda on Monday 18 October 1993.

4. **Letter from the AVU to A du Plessis, Co-Chairperson of the Commission on the Delimitation/Demarcation of Regions**

It was noted that a copy of this letter had been sent to the Planning Committee (see Addendum B). The Sub-Committee had communicated with the AVU in this regard and, therefore, the issue would not be raised in the meeting of the Negotiating Council.

5. **Closure**

The meeting adjourned at 0910.

These minutes were ratified at the meeting of the Planning Committee of ..... 1993 and the amended version signed by the Chairperson of the original meeting on .....

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CHAIRPERSON



STATEMENT BY MR ANDRÉ FOURIE MP, MINISTER OF REGIONAL AND LAND AFFAIRS, TO A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE MULTIPARTY NEGOTIATION COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO THE SITUATION IN LEBOWA

The current situation in Lebowa is a direct consequence of the lack of co-operation from the Government of Lebowa in the effort to normalise that territory's financial administration. Certain groupings are also actively abusing this process in order to further their own political ends by means of intimidation and cheap propaganda.

I wish to reiterate - the level of co-operation of the Lebowa Government and its officials primarily will determine when and how soon the situation in Lebowa is normalised.

This lack of co-operation directly contributed to the fact that some of Lebowa's labourers still haven't received their wages. Due to the fact that they are on separate departmental payrolls, it was not possible to process their wages with the salaries at the computer centre. The various Lebowa government departments were requested some time ago to submit the names of labourers that are still to be paid. As soon as these lists are presented by the relevant departments, outstanding wages will be processed. The officials on strike in Lebowa are thus actively preventing the speedy correction of their fellow workers' wages.

Furthermore, allegations were made that 15 officials of the Lebowa Government were dismissed by the task team. This is patently untrue. No Lebowa official was dismissed. Fourteen officials of the Department of Works were put on indefinite leave after threatening the task team with violence, intimidating their fellow workers and threatening to destroy proof of claims submitted by Lebowa's suppliers.

In addition, one official at Lebowakgomo's computer centre was put on indefinite leave after continuously disrupting the work being done there. This official had no function at the computer centre, as the functions for which she was responsible, were transferred to other departments.



The 14 abovementioned officials actively disrupted the processing of claims on the pretext that white suppliers' claims receive preferential treatment, while the salaries of black officials are neglected. I reject with utter contempt these false and racist allegations. My officials, with the assistance of officials of the Lebowa Government, worked night and day in order to pay the September salaries of Lebowa's civil servants. They are already processing this month's salaries. I also wish to give the assurance that all queries with regard to salaries are handled individually, in order to make any necessary corrections.

Furthermore, it has to be borne in mind that a large backlog of suppliers' claims was lying unprocessed in the Department of Works. In some cases these suppliers have been waiting since April 1993 for payment. In order to ensure the continuation of services, claims are currently being processed in the order in which they were submitted, without regard to the sex, creed or colour of individual suppliers.

As a result of this, the first cheques to suppliers were posted on 7 October. Depending on the co-operation of Lebowa officials, overdue claims could be paid within the next six weeks.

With regard to the invitation to address representatives of officials and workers of Lebowa, it pleases me to say that a date is being finalised; possibly early next week. I welcome the opportunity to address their grievances and to place the situation into the correct perspective.

In conclusion, I wish to state the following:

- \* Political considerations played no part whatsoever in the decisions made with regard to Lebowa - it is pure political opportunism on the side of those who wish to imply that.



- \* Due to a statement made by the Chief Minister, to the effect that he cannot guarantee the safety of South African officials in Lebowa, the South African task team was accompanied by members of the Internal Stability Unit when they moved into Lebowa in terms of a Supreme Court interdict. The purpose of the presence of members of the ISU in Lebowa is to guarantee the safety of South African officials in Lebowa and to see that they are not prevented from exercising their duties. This in no way interferes with the powers, duties and functions of the Lebowa police.
  
- \* Central Government obtained a Supreme Court interdict in order to enable it to print and distribute cheques for the payment of Lebowa's officials, pensioners and suppliers. The interdict ordered, inter alia, the Lebowa Government to give its active co-operation in order to normalise that territory's financial administration and to refrain from preventing officials of Central Government from performing their duties in this regard. This interdict stands as is, and, if necessary, even stronger measures will be considered.
  
- \* Central Government intervened in Lebowa in order to help Lebowa and all its citizens. I have repeatedly stated that Lebowa's weak financial position and the continued payment of salaries as adjusted in Lebowa could have resulted in this self-governing territory having no money available by the end of November 1993 for the further payment of salaries, pensions and essential services. It is therefore in the interest of every citizen of Lebowa and that of the South African tax payer, that this situation be corrected.



- \* The level of co-operation of the Lebowa Government and its officials will determine how soon any discrepancies with regard to promotions can be corrected and the correct salaries and payments to suppliers can be processed.
- \* Except for my continuous endeavours to meet with the Chief Minister of Lebowa and his Cabinet in order to secure the co-operation the Chief Minister committed himself to and which had never realised, the State President, in reaction to petitions by the heads of departments in Lebowa and a committee of the Magosi, extended an invitation to Chief Minister and his Cabinet. To date we have had no response to this invitation.
- \* Officials of Central Government and the Lebowa Government are currently finalising the October salaries of Lebowa's officials. We are doing our utmost to expedite this process and sincerely hope that all payments will have been made by 22 October 1993.
- \* If this unfortunate interference by individuals in the Lebowa Government continues to prevent Central Government from normalising the situation in Lebowa, we will have to consider alternative actions.

I therefore appeal to all officials and workers of the Lebowa Government to give their co-operation, so that we can jointly normalise the financial administration of Lebowa and speedily settle all grievances that may exist.



Copy for Subcommittee  
Planning Committee?

Appendix B

12 October 1993

Mr. A du Plessis  
Chairman  
Task Group: Commission on Demarcation of Regions  
World Trade Centre  
Johannesburg

Dear Sir,

I refer you to the incident during the AVU delegation oral submission on Saturday, 2nd October 1993, when you took Mr. Gerdus Kruger to task for, what you seemingly regarded as uncalled for of discourteous or even arrogant comment. You apologised to the members of the Commission for his remarks and responded to him by stating that:

- (a) The committee consists of professional people and academics who are totally unbiased,
- (b) that the commission's workings are above politics and not in any way biased towards any particular party's view points.

I purposely did not respond to your remarks as it was neither the time nor place to do so. However, I now wish to express my extreme dismay at your above ~~reaction~~ as chairman of the said meeting:

- (a) Even academics and professional people are human beings and as such not above the forces of influence and persuasion especially in today's political arena. To therefor claim objectivity on account of being an academic or professional is presumptuous. Wisdom and objectivity is earned, sir, not conferred upon the individual by an institute of learning or granted through membership of a profession.

In my personal submission to the commission on Friday, 1st October 1993, I pointed out that I purposely did not submit a personal C.V. because I believe there is a sad tendency in this country to listen to people on account of who they are and not what they know or the content of their statements.

- (b) Your commission members are paid for what they do and are answerable to the individual taxpayer, political parties, people or groups who submitted evidence and the Negotiating Forum. As such you are not above driticism and questioning by any of the above. In fact, sir, it is your duty to respond to even the most unfair statements of criticism, in a balanced, impersonal and factual objective manner.

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As chairman, you were therefor completely out of order to apologise to your committee for the statements made by Mr. G. Kruger. Please note, I am not referring to the content of the statements - that is an entirely debate which I for one, would be only too happy to discuss with you and your committee if required.

I am also not making any statement about the integrity of your committee.

The correct conduct for a chairman would have been:

(a) Ask Mr. Kruger whether his submission is inferring irregular decision-making on the part of the committee, and, ...

(b) if necessary, to arrange for mechanisms to address the issue.

When a chairman of a commission responds as you did, sir, I have no choice but to express concern that your further personal input might be influenced by the incident and also this letter of objection and I therefore request that you withdraw from the committee,

(a) as a chairman and,

(b) whenever any issue regarding Pretoria, Eastern or Northern Transvaal or the Witwatersrand is discussed, and

(c) whenever any issue related to AVU policies are discussed.

A copy hereof has been sent to the Planning Committee of the Negotiating Forum and members of the press.

Yours faithfully

  
Schalk Kruger  
Secretary: AVU