

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES. THEY ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND RESTRICTED TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING PARTIES IN THE MULTI-PARTY NEGOTIATING PROCESS. THEY ARE SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 AUGUST 1993 AT 10H00 AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE.

- CHAIR** : C. Harrop
- PRESENT** : See Addendum A
- MINUTES** : O. Khoza

1. Moment of Prayer/Meditation

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted from M. Moriarty, M. Van Schalkwyk and C. Niehaus.

3. Welcome and Attendance

The Chairperson welcomed members of the Committee to the meeting. It was noted that the attendance of members was still poor. Only twelve members were present out of twenty six participating parties.

4. Ratification of Agenda

The proposed agenda was adopted without change.

5. Minutes:

5.1 Ratification of the Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 4 August were ratified with the inclusion of Mr S. Razak on the attendance register, having been present at the meeting.

5.2 It was agreed by the Committee that the letter that was written to party leaders reminding them of the attendance of their representatives at the Communications Committee meetings, should be put on hold until the Sub-Committee reports back at the next meeting.

6. ● Report back from the Planning Committee

Mr M. Mahraj presented the report from the Planning Committee based on the recommendations (See Addendum B) put forward by the Committee at the previous meeting as follows:

- 6.1 It was noted that the Planning Committee did not agree to the recommendation on the issue of interaction between the Multi-Party Process and the public at large.
- 6.2 The Planning Committee noted that the "in house" tasks entrusted to the Communications Committee had been completed. However, the Planning Committee recommended that the Communications Committee should meet on ad-hoc basis as and when problems arise.
- 6.3 The Planning Committee noted that the issue of publicity was an important one. The Communications Committee was given the go ahead to undertake the task of getting in touch with the SABC Broadcasters to persuade them to allocate regular slots informing the public about proceedings at the World Trade Centre.

6.4 The Way Forward

After the Committee had communicated their feelings to the Sub-Committee, it was noted that the Committee strongly felt it had a duty to inform the public on non party political basis, especially people at grassroots level who have no clue whatsoever of what is happening at the World Trade Centre. In the light of this, the Committee asked the Sub-Committee to resubmit their recommendations and take back the feelings of the Communications Committee to the Planning Committee in the hope that the Planning Committee could come up with favourable responses. The Sub-Committee is expected to report back to Communications Committee at their next meeting on 18 August 1993.

7. New Issues

7.1 Media Coverage

The Committee agreed that they needed to do more of home work on how to improve the media coverage. The Committee suggested that each member goes back and gathers information at management level and decide which radio stations should be used. This should be reported at the next meeting. come up with better ideas next week.

8 ● **Date of next meeting**

The Committee agreed to meet again on Wednesday 18 August 1993 at 10h30.

9. **Closure**

The meeting closed at 13h00.

Addendum A

	Member	Party
1.	C. Harrop	Ciskei
2.	M.S. Setai	Dikwankwetla
3.	J.M. Matsana	Inyadza National Party
4.	J. Bachu	National Peoples' Party
5.	S. Razak	Solidarity
6.	M.A. Netshimbupfe	Tvl. Traditional Leaders
7.	V.P Makwarela	Venda Government
8.	D. Khumalo	SACP
9.	M. Shinnars	PAC
10.	S.N. Bambo	UPF
11.	BBR Shilubana	Ximoko Progressive Party
12.	L. Fourie	S.A Government

Addendum B

RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE 4 AUGUST 1993

At the meeting of the Communications Committee held on the 4 August 1993 it was resolved that the following recommendations be placed before the Planning Committee for urgent consideration:

1. That the **Terms of Reference** of the Communications Committee be clarified and if necessary be modified to permit the Committee to act in an Advisory capacity in respect of the promulgation of information to the public at large.
2. The Communications Committee expresses its concern at the general lack of knowledge regarding the achievements of the Multi-Party Negotiations Process.
3. In the light of the urgent need for **Voter Education** in respect of the future structure and constitution of the country, it is imperative that a readily understood educational campaign starts forthwith.
4. Most of the "in house" tasks entrusted to the Communications Committee have now been completed and unless the scope of the Committee can be extended to meet current needs the future for the Committee is severely limited.
5. In the light of current violence, the members insist that extended Communication is necessary now and cannot be left to an interim structure.
6. The members recommend that the body of knowledge and expertise accumulated by the Communications Committee be incorporated into future transitional structures.