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THEME COMMITTEE 1

**CHARACTER OF DEMOCRATIC
STATE**

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NO	INDIVIDUAL	SUBMISSION	CATEGORY
1	S Abrahams	Democracy is of value provided that Licence is not mistaken for Liberty and this should be stated clearly in the Preamble.	Democracy Preamble
2	D Black	True democracy does not mean simple majoritarianism.	Democracy
3	R Brijraj	It should be made incumbent on all persons, institutions, state departments and organs of Govt to promote democracy and the building of one South African Nation.	Democracy One, sovereign state
4	TW Button	Three-fold Social Structure and the role of govt in each one: Culture: The state is an objective observer Social matters: the state should make sure that there is absolute equality Economic matters: The state should adopt the attitude of a better life foe all citizens.	Democracy & Character of State Equality The Economy

5	AJ Carser	<p>The public should be able to access the Ministers much easier.</p> <p>The government should be accountable to the people.</p> <p>A democratic state is government of the people, by the people, for the people.</p>	<p>Accountable government</p> <p>Democracy</p>
6	RE Chalom	<p>Every person born in SA should be entitled to citizenship and any person born of a South African parent, should be entitled to citizenship.</p>	<p>Citizenship</p>
7	D Drummond	<p>Power should be shared between all majority parties</p>	<p>Representative Government</p>
8	S Evans	<p>There should be a statement of certain ethical principles, guidelines or rules of conduct in respect of Government and para-government.</p>	<p>Accountable government</p>
9	NK Govind	<p>The Constitution shall provide for a Secular State.</p> <p>English should be the official language.</p> <p>There should be 8 provinces - Northern Cape and North-Western should be one province.</p>	<p>Character of state</p> <p>Language</p> <p>National Territory</p>

10	K Hunter	<p>Democracy should not degenerate into mob rule.</p> <p>There should be a federal state.</p> <p>There should be one official language for the country with different official languages for each provinces.</p> <p>Parliamentarians should be removed from parliament by constituencies for non-performance or unacceptable behaviour. Administrative bodies should be controlled by parliament or the constitutional court.</p>	<p>Democracy</p> <p>Character of State</p> <p>Language</p> <p>Accountable government</p>
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11	S Kirchoff	<p>Recommendations to bring a Democratic govt closer to the people:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The State President should be directly elected by the electorate 2. The Senate must be elected by the electorate via a system of provincial representation 3. the senate should have the power to veto ordinary legislation 4. ambassadorial appointments should be subject to the approval of the senate 5. the senate should be responsible for the ratification of all international treaties SA wishes to enter into <p>SA should be a federal state</p>	<p>Democracy</p> <p>Accountable government</p> <p>Representative government</p> <p>Checks and balances - Theme Committee 2</p> <p>Checks and balances - Theme Committee 2</p> <p>Foreign relations</p> <p>Character of State</p>
12	J Katz	<p>There should be freedom of speech and transparency.</p> <p>Both the private and public sectors should be informed on developments in the country - this would be good for the economy.</p>	<p>Accountable government</p> <p>Economy and Accountable government</p>
13	T Makgabo	<p>For democracy to be meaningful as a Constitutional Principle the constitution must be understood by those it is meant to serve.</p>	<p>Democracy</p>

15	N Peer	Free and fair election every four years; Morally upright; efficient; accountable; transparent; democratic government	Accountable government
16	J Roux	Intensive democracy with regular and meaningful participation. Visible government. Economics is not the business of govt. Establishment of an Economic Co-ordinating Council.	Democracay Accountable government The Economy
17	JM Smalberger	People should be allocated voting rights according to the income tax which they pay.	Representative government
18	J Thuynsma	There should be participatory democracy. There should be a unitary state	Democracy Character of state
19	A Wilson	We need a strong central government. English should be the only official language.	Character of state Language
NO	ORGANISATION	SUBMISSION	CATEGORY
20	ANCC	All churches/Associations/Federations/Councils should be regulated by the constitution. The state and church should be separate.	Supremacy of the constitution Character of State

21	United Christian Action	<p>The constitution should provide for a Constitutionally limited republic. There should be a system of checks and balances and a bi-cameral national legislature.</p> <p>There should be a federal system of govt.</p>	<p>Supremacy of the constitution</p> <p>Character of state</p>
22	University of Natal	<p>SA should be a secular state.</p> <p>The first six words of the Preamble of the interim constitution should be removed.</p>	<p>Character of state</p> <p>Preamble</p>
23	The Evangelical Fellowship of South Africa	<p>Power should be kept as close as possible to the people.</p> <p>The state should remain religiously impartial.</p> <p>The wording of the Preamble of the interim constitution should remain.</p>	<p>Accountable government</p> <p>Character of State</p> <p>Preamble</p>
24	ODISA	Refer to J Roux's submission	
25	English Academy of Southern Africa	More thoughts has to be given to the use of all eleven official languages.	Language

