RESOLUTION ON CONDITIONS THAT SHOULD BE CREATED TO ELIMINATE VIOLENCE

ACCEPTED BY THE NEGOTIATING COUNCIL MEETING ON 22 JUNE 1993

This meeting of the Negotiating Council:

Noting that:

The Technical Committee on Violence has submitted four reports (including its report on the conditions that should be created to eliminate violence in accordance with the "Declaration of Intent on the Negotiating Process" adopted on 7 May 1993); and

Further noting:

That these recommendations should be read in conjunction with these reports;

Hereby resolves that:

- 1. The National Peace Committee finalise proposed amendments to the Peace Accord as a matter of urgency so as to strengthen the Accord, empower the Peace Structures and increase their effectiveness;
- 2. The Negotiating Council recommends that the signatories to the Peace Accord meet as a matter of urgency to reaffirm their commitment to the Accord and to approve the proposed amendments to it;
- 3. Non-signatories should give urgent and immediate attention to signing the Peace Accord, after consultation with the National Peace Committee.
- 4. That the Technical Committee on the Independent Electoral Commission develops:
 - 4.1 A code of conduct for all parties, organisations, administrations and governments taking into account the code of conduct of the Peace Accord; and
 - 4.2 Appropriate compulsory sanctions/punitive measures against those who transgress the code.
- 5. Any party organising a public demonstration or any other form of mass action must comply with the guidelines set out in paragraph 6.2 of the Fourth Report of the Technical Committee on Violence;
- 6. The National Peace Committee submit proposed amendments to the Regulation of Gatherings Bill as a matter of urgency;

- 7. A series of phased confidence-building measures which would include the future of all armed formations, their personnel and arsenals, be adopted leading to the creation of impartial, legitimate and effective security forces with the consequent dissolution of all other armed formations. A distinction be drawn between statutory and non-statutory armies on the one hand and police forces on the other hand. The Technical Committee on the TEC and its sub-councils to make proposals on precise mechanisms to be adopted;
 - 8. Parties between whom conflicts exist, which have contributed to violence, in addition to participating in the MPNP, meet bi-laterally to seek joint solutions to the conflicts between them;
 - 9. The principle of an independent peacekeeping force and its practical implementation should be considered by the Technical Committee on Violence in consultation with the Technical Committee on the TEC.
 - 10. Every party to the MPNP commits itself without reservation to a holding of a free and fair election and to do everything possible to ensure that the electorate and the leaders and candidates of political parties are able to conduct their election campaigns and other political activities freely without being intimidated or obstructed and without fear of being injured or killed;
 - 11.1 The Technical Committee on Violence prepare detailed proposals on the desirability, financing, establishment and composition of a Peace/Youth Services Corps.
 - 11.2 The National Peace Committee and the members of the Technical Committee on Violence be entrusted with the initial drawing up of structures for a Peace Corps.