

**SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICE
- WORLD TRADE CENTRE -**

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Head of the Administration
Multi-Party Negotiating Process
World Trade Centre

Dear Dr Eloff

**SUBMISSION BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE
ATTENTION OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

1. Attached is a submission by the South African Government entitled *ANSWER ON PROPOSED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON UNILATERAL RESTRUCTURING/AMALGAMATION AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL*, proposed by Mr A Rajbansi on the 5th of October 1993 (*Addendum A*).
2. Kindly transmit the document for immediate attention to the Planning Committee.

Yours sincerely


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**ANSWER ON PROPOSED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
UNILATERAL RESTRUCTURING/AMALGAMATION AT LOCAL
GOVERNMENT LEVEL**

Umhlanga, Umhloti and Glen Anil are three adjoining areas. The so-called Non-White Areas referred to, are all a considerable distance from these three towns (15 kilometres in the case of Verulam).

The negotiations between the Local Authorities of Umhlanga, Umhloti and Glen Anil (Development & Services area) started in 1992 as a local rationalisation initiative.

They reached agreement to merge both the respective administrations and the political structures. The agreement was submitted to the Natal Executive Committee early June 1993 and after following the required procedures in terms of the Interim Measures Act, was proclaimed in the Provincial Gazette so as to coincide with the Municipal financial year (1 July - 30 June).

The negotiations were fully representative and inclusive of the residents of the three areas.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

UNILATERAL RESTRUCTURING/AMALGAMATION
AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL

The Multi-Party Negotiating Council;

Having noted:

the progress made in respect of proposed establishment of Democratic Local Government at this Council and also at the Local Government Negotiating Forum

and

Believing:

that any unilateral restructuring/amalgamation of local authorities would be detrimental to the negotiation process and can have a negative impact on the levelling of playing fields

Therefore resolves:

that the South African Government, through its Provincial Executive Committee immediately halts all unilateral restructuring/amalgamation of local authorities such as what is happening in respect of the proposed amalgamation of the borough of Unhlanga, the area of Town Board of Umhloti Beach and Glen Anil (all so-called White Areas) to the detriment of the adjacent areas such as Verulam, Amontama, Amoaxi, Osindisweni in Natal (all so-called Non-White Areas).

Moved by **A Rajbansi**