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OF SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES 18 - 19 NOVEMBER 1993

Please refer to all our previous correspondence, telephone follow-ups, and meetings held with the relevant R.S.A. Department on the above-mentioned issue.

According to the above-mentioned Association and the Directorate of the Department of Regional and Land Affairs - Pretoria, most of the arrangements to hold the Conference are complete. The only issue remaining outstanding of national importance is a confirmation of the presence of the Minister to chair the Conference on the said dates. This has up to date no response. All endeavours have been gone into but no success.

It should be mentioned here that the topics chosen to be addressed at the Conference where and are still of cardinal importance to the present and future of Government Representation in any form of Government which will be agreed upon.

We are concerned therefore that this Conference should take place. However to date nothing is giving us hope that this will ever take place. In this dark cloud, the Government Representatives have however resolved to continue holding their usual End-of-Year-Function on the night of 19 November 1993 in Pretoria. The actual venue will be announced very soon.

It has been suggested that the Guest Speaker for the Function should be from the R.S.A. Constitutional Department or from the Inter - national Community Representatives who are possibly in the country watching the changes that are taking place towards the envisaged new democratic South Africa. It is believed that an address from such quotars will be relevant.

Whilst we continue addressing the issue of 1993 Pretoria Conference, it would be important to refer to the attached copies listing the said topics and the latest resolutions reached at the Tenth Annual Conference held in Giyani on 21 - 23 July 1993

On behalf of the Government Representatives of the Self-Governing Territories, we request that all who will be invited to the expected and scheduled 1993 Pretoria Conference if ever it takes place, should they do his/her best to attend. The request also covers the 1993 End-of-Year-Function/Banquet.

We hope that details in this circular will receive your attention and response.

Yours



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SECRETARY

THE ASSOCIATION OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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1993 PRETORIA CONFERENCE

TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED

1. BRIEFING ON CURRENT LEGISLATION.
2. ELABORATION ON CONCEPTS OF DEMOCRACY, REGIONALISM, FEDERALISM AND UNITARISM.
3. POLITICAL COMMUNICATION WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO GENERAL ELECTIONS AND THE ROLE A GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE CAN PLAY IN PREPARATION TOWARDS SUCH ELECTIONS.
4. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SECURITY FORCES AND COMMUNITY IN CURBING CRIME AND VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTRY, THE CULTIVATION THEREOF, WHAT ROLE CAN THE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE PLAY.
5. RURAL DEVELOPMENT.
6. LOCAL MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT.
7. PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS UP-GRADING OF HOSTELS INTO FAMILY UNITS AND DECENT SINGLE ACCOMMODATION.
8. WHAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO PROVIDE SKILL-TRAINING FOR THE UNEMPLOYMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER.

THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TOPICS WERE APPROVED AT THE ULUNDI CONFERENCE 10-12 FEBRUARY 1993 AND DISPATCHED TO PRETORIA BEFORE JUNE 1993.

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RESOLUTIONS AT GIYANI CONFERENCE 21-23 JULY 1993

20.1 PART ONE:

STRICTLY FOR THE REPRESENTATIVES

- 20.1.1 THE CONFERENCE RESOLVED THAT THE ASSOCIATION STRONGLY OPPOSES THE METHODS USED BY REPRESENTATIVES WHICH LEAD TO THEM FAILING TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE/ GENERAL MEETINGS AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS.
- 20.1.2 THE CONFERENCE RESOLVED THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE REGIONAL, SUB-COMMITTEES CONVENED URGENT MEETINGS IN ORDER TO HAVE THEM OPERATING AS EXPECTED.
- 20.1.3 THE CONFERENCE RESOLVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE RESIGNATION LETTER OF THE PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMELY MR J.L. NTULI. THE ASSOCIATION FURTHER REFERRED THE LETTER TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND FURTHER IT BE TABLED AT A GENERAL MEETING FOR AN ELECTION OF A NEW CHAIRMAN OR TO RECEIVE THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBERS.

20.2 PART TWO:

FOR THE CHIEF MINISTERS AND THE REPRESENTATIVES

- 20.2.1 THE CONFERENCE RESOLVES TO REQUEST ALL THE LEADERS OF THE VARIOUS SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES BECAUSE OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES FAILING TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION, THAT THE LEADERS ASSIST IN ENCOURAGING THE REPRESENTATIVES TO BE PART AND PARCEL OF THE ASSOCIATION.
- 20.2.2 THE CONFERENCE RESOLVED TO CALL ON ALL LEADERS OF SOUTH AFRICA IN THE VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES/ ORGANISATIONS TO PRESSURE THE NEGOTIATORS TO HASTEN THE PROCESS OF FINDING THE COUNTRY'S SOLUTION TOWARDS THE NEW ENVISAGED DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA.
- 20.2.3 THE CONFERENCE RESOLVED THAT THE ASSOCIATION CONTINUES TO CALL ON THE SAME LEADERS TO HAVE UNITY OF PURPOSE AND BURY DIFFERENCES FOR THE SAKE OF THE OPPRESSED MASSES OF SOUTH AFRICANS.
- 20.2.4 THE CONFERENCE RESOLVED FURTHER THAT THE ASSOCIATION CALLS ON ALL POLITICAL PARTIES/ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED IN POLITICISING THE MASSES OF OUR COUNTRY, TO

TO PRACTICALLY ALLOW TOLERANCE TO ALL PARTIES/  
ORGANISATION REGARDLESS OF AFFILIATION OR ALLIANCE SO  
THAT FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS COULD TAKE PLACE.

20.2.5 THE CONFERENCE RESOLVED THAT THE ASSOCIATION CALLS ON  
ALL PEACE LOVING PARTIES/ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED AT  
NEGOTIATIONS OR NOT, TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS TO END THE  
VIOLENCE WHICH IS TEARING OUR COUNTRY INTO PIECES  
CAUSING A LOT OF HUMAN KILLINGS, PROPERTY DESTRUCTION  
AND LETTING ANARCLY TO BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY.

20.3 PART THREE

THE R.S.A. GOVERNMENT AND THE CHIEF MINISTERS

20.3.1 THE CONFERENCE RESOLVED FURTHER TO CALL ON ALL THE  
LEADERS OF THE SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES TOGETHER WITH  
THE R.S.A. GOVERNMENT TO PLACE A RANK OF GOVERNMENT  
REPRESENTATION IN ITS CORRECT PERSPECTIVE PLACE IN THE  
NEW ENVISAGED DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA.