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## POSSIBLE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A SUBCOUNCIL ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

One has to consider developments from the Local Government Negotiating Forum (LGNF) when giving content to the terms of reference of a possible Subcouncil for Local Government.

It follows naturally that the Subcouncil as a satellite of the TEC, may have limited powers of execution but will mainly give feedback to the TEC. Bearing this in mind the following terms of reference are proposed:

1. Recommend the amendment, replacement or repeal of discriminatory or inhibiting legislation.
2. Facilitate the implementation of broad principles on an electoral system for local government, which will enjoy general support.
3. Facilitate the process of informing the electorate and politicians at local level regarding the purpose of local government elections and their rights, responsibilities and obligations.
4. Formulate measures to promote a climate for free political participation and the conducting of free and fair elections at local level.
5. Formulate measures to curb intimidation at local level.
6. Conduct surveys to assess the degree of levelling the playing field as far as free political participation and the conducting of free and fair elections at local level, are concerned.
7. Advise the TEC on the levelling of the playing field as far as free political participation and free and

fair elections at local level, are concerned.

8. Interlink the activities of bodies such as the LGNF, Housing Forum and Electricity Forum with the activities of the TEC.
9. Establish regional monitoring committees of the Sub-council to monitor local negotiations and the implementation of transitional measures for local government.

9.1 As far as the establishment of regional monitoring committees is concerned, the question of interlinking activities of bodies such as mentioned in paragraph 8 above and certain practical and logistical problems that may be experienced, the following will have to be taken into consideration.

- Elections will take place in more than 500 local government areas in the four Provinces.
- To expect of 1 Sub-council to level the playing field is impossible
- Consideration should thus be given to establish more than one regional monitoring committee. Regional monitoring committees for the following areas could be considered:

Natal	- 1
OFS	- 1
Western Cape	- 1
Eastern Cape	- 1
Northern Cape	- 1
Southern Cape	- 1
Eastern/Northern Tvl	- 1
Central Tvl/PWV-area	- 1

- The position of the self governing territories and the TBVC-States will

also have to be taken into account.

9.2 As far as interlinking/interaction is concerned, the regional monitoring committees could be responsible to the Sub-Council and the latter could interact with institutions/organisations such as:

- The TEC
- Local Government Negotiating Forum
- Provincial Governements
- Electification Forum
- Peace Secretariat
- Demarcations Boards or Commissions
- Election Commission

9.3 As far as the terms of reference for the regional monitoring committees is concerned, the following could be considered:

- (i) Recommend the amendment, replacement or repeal of discriminatory or inhibiting legislation.
- (ii) Facilitate the implementation of broad principles on an electoral system for local government, which will enjoy general support.
- (iii) Facilitate the process of informing the electorate and politicians at local level regarding the purpose of local government elections and their rights, responsibilities and obligations.
- (iv) Recommend measures to promote a climate for free political participation and the conducting of free and fair elections at

local level.

- (v) Monitor measures to curb intimidation at local level.
- (vi) Conduct surveys to assess the degree of levelling the playing field as far as free political participation and the conducting of free and fair elections at local level, are concerned.
- (vii) Advise the Sub-Council on the levelling of the playing field as far as free political participation and free and fair elections at local level, are concerned.
- (viii) Interlink the activities of bodies such as local negotiating forums with the Sub-Council and the Local Government Negotiating Forum.
- (ix) Monitor local negotiations and the implementation of transitional measures for local government.