

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION OF
THE NEGOTIATING COUNCIL MEETING OF 28 MAY 1993
ON THE COMMISSION ON REGIONS/STATES/PROVINCES**

WHEREAS there appears to be broad agreement that the most suitable form of government for the future will be one which involves an allocation of powers to national and regional governments, while the differences that exist relate essentially to the boundaries, powers and functions of the regions/states/provinces and the process whereby such differences may be resolved;

REALISING that regional boundaries will be relevant to the electoral process, as well as to the structures of the Constitution;

ACCEPTING that the powers and functions of regions/states/provinces are crucial to issues such as the form of state and self-determination, and will be a fundamental part of the constitution/s;

CONVINCED that while the demarcation of boundaries is a task which appropriately should be performed by a broadly based body of suitably qualified people, who will hear representations from the public at large and from different areas of the country, issues regarding the functions and powers of regions/states/provinces can at this stage of the negotiations best be dealt with by a smaller technical committee;

DETERMINED to ensure that we achieve a peaceful and negotiated agreement on the democratic transformation of our country within the time frames we have set for ourselves; and

HAVING charged a technical committee with formulating as a matter of priority, recommendations on the structures, powers and functions of regions/states/provinces, on constitutional principles and on the constitution making process;

WE, THE NEGOTIATING COUNCIL hereby appoint

Dr Bax Nomvete and Professor Flip Smit
as Co-Chairpersons, and

1. Basson Dion, Prof
2. Bernstein Ann, Ms
3. Daphne Paul, Mr
4. Du Plessis Attie, Mr
5. Govinden Betty, Ms
6. Gwagwa Lulu, Ms
7. Malefo Beauty, Dr
8. Muthien Yvonne, Dr
9. Burns-Ncamashe, Chief
10. Nkuhlu Wiseman, Professor
11. Rautenbach Ignus, Professor
12. Reyneke Koos, Mr
13. Steyn Anna, Professor

as members of a Commission on Regions/States/Provinces to make recommendations to us, the Negotiating Council within six weeks, on the delimitation of regions/states/provinces.

FOR THE PURPOSES of its recommendations, the Commission shall:

1. Take into consideration, inter alia, the following:
 - 1.1 Historical boundaries, including provincial, magisterial and district boundaries and infrastructures;
 - 1.2 Administrative considerations including the availability or non-availability of infrastructures and nodal points for services;
 - 1.3 The need or otherwise to rationalise existing structures (including the TBVC States, self-governing territories and regional governments);
 - 1.4 The necessity of limiting financial and other costs as much as is reasonably possible;
 - 1.5 The need to minimise inconvenience to the people;
 - 1.6 The need to minimise the dislocation of services;
 - 1.7 Demographic considerations;
 - 1.8 Economic viability;
 - 1.9 Development potential;
 - 1.10 Cultural and language realities;

2. Allow interested parties and persons to submit their views and recommendations within a specified period, which should not be less than one month after an invitation in this regard has been published, and take these into account;
3. Be free to take cognisance of any other material it might wish to collect; and
4. Take cognisance of any progress made in the Negotiating Council by way of agreements on constitutional matters.