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CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY SESSION

To: All Members of Constitutional Assembly and Whips
Date: 26 March 1996
From: Executive Director

Please note that a meeting of the Constitutional Assembly plenary session will take place as indicated below:

Date: Friday 29 March 1996
Time: 09h00 - 13h00
Venue: National Assembly

We are nearing the date when final adoption procedures commence in the Constitutional Assembly. The Constitutional Assembly is being convened to consider a proposed amendment of the 1993 Constitution to cater for two possible contingencies - to ensure that the CA is able to refer to the Independent Panel of Experts in terms of s73(3) of the Constitution, should we fail to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority on 8 May 1996; and to ensure that the CA is able to convene in the event of the Constitutional Court not being able to certify that the adopted text is in compliance with the Constitutional Principles.

The proposed amendment is being finalised by an extended meeting of the Management Committee today, and will be circulated to all CA members tomorrow, Wednesday 27 March 1996.

The CA will also have to consider what adoption procedures will be followed once formal adoption begins on 22 April 1996. This is also being considered by the Management Committee this afternoon, and will be circulated with a full CA Report from the Constitutional Committee, tomorrow morning, Wednesday 27 March 1996. The adoption procedure under discussion will entail an amendment of the CA Rules.

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The Constitutional Committee has instructed us, to convey to members the importance of Friday's meeting of the Constitutional Assembly and to appeal to all members to ensure they are in attendance. This will be the last meeting of the CA before the formal adoption process begins in April. The CA Report, to be distributed tomorrow, will update and brief members on developments since the last sitting of the CA in 1995.

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