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**Proposal for submission by the African National Congress to the  
Technical Sub-committee on Constitutional Issues** ~~TEC~~

Terms of reference for Sub-council on Local and Regional Government

The Sub council should exercise executive jurisdiction over the existing provincial administrations, self-governing territories, TBVC states, and relevant government departments (ie. Departments of Foreign Affairs, Finance, Regional and Local Government, and Land Affairs).

A set of committees should be established by the sub-council to deal, inter alia, with the following issues:

- \* **Finance:** Co-ordination and review of 93/94 budgets, and any additional budgetary appropriations;
- \* **Land:** Alienation, allocation and transfers;
- \* **Administration:** Reorganisation of administrative structures and processes, personnel and training; review of strategic plans
- \* **Services:** eg. planning, health, housing, infrastructure, education, transportation, to ensure continuity, co-ordination and provision of services;

The committees should deal with the above issues at both regional and local levels, where appropriate.

The aim of the committees, and the sub-council as a whole, is to give effect to multi-party joint control over certain key areas, in order to level the playing fields prior to elections. The sub-council, and its committees, would cease to operate after national elections for a constituent assembly, and an interim government of national unity.

Terms of reference for the committees:

- \* Review existing statutory proposals and legislation;
- \* Initiate proposals for legislation, budgets, restructuring of administrations;
- \* Supervise any transitional measures being introduced;

In respect of local government in particular, the sub-council should have the following terms of reference:

- \* Address the current crisis of local government, particularly the collapse of services in certain areas, and the shortfall of finances;
- \* Supervise the appointment of interim structures for the pre-interim period;

- \* Create the necessary conditions for local government elections to take place, after the national elections;
- \* Liase directly with, and take proposals from, the Local Government Negotiation Forum on proposals for electoral systems, boundary demarcation processes, voter registration, and the structure, powers and functions of interim local government;
- \* Establish a representative local government demarcation board to demarcate non-racial local government boundaries for elected interim local government structures;