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COMMENT BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY ON  
THE THIRD REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

- 3.2 The following considerations may be helpful in reaching a uniform view:

The IEC will function over an extended period of 6 months or more. It may be unrealistic to expect international representatives to reside in South Africa for so long.

If they serve only in a consultative, non-voting capacity, they need only attend during the period immediately preceding the election, the election itself, and until all disputes have been settled.

The authentication function can be fulfilled by teams visiting for the duration of the election itself, and by more than one such monitoring team, e.g. National Democratic Institute, European groups, etc.

- 3.3 Citizenship must surely remain the criterion for voter eligibility. Marriage, descent or continuous residence can be qualifications for receiving citizenship, but the naturalisation should occur before the person is eligible to vote.
- 3.4 The case of commissioners who might have been eligible to serve in a new judiciary may be met by disqualifying commissioners from holding "public political office" or any office which is the product of direct appointment by the government of the day.
- 3.5 The Democratic Party believes that regional lists are essential to reflect the full spectrum of voter choice and therefore agrees with the assumptions of the Technical Committee.
- 3.7 The Minister of Finance's approval is a mechanism widely employed in legislation of this kind. The TEC's Finance Sub-Council could however fulfil this function in the interim period.
- 3.8 Although the principle of transparency is applauded the Democratic Party believes the administrative difficulties attached to the reporting and scrutinising of campaign donations is being underestimated.

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