

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM ACCEPTED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS
ON 30 APRIL 1993 IN THE MULTI-PARTY PROCESS
RELATING TO PROPOSALS ARISING FROM
THE MULTI-PARTY FORUM RESOLUTION ON
THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS.**

1. The Negotiation Process involves reaching agreement on a number of key elements. Discussion around any particular element gives rise to suspicion and fears that agreement on it would lead to that agreement being implemented before agreement has been reached on ALL the key elements that constitute a package around the negotiation process.
2. Such fears were addressed in the CODESA process in Working Group 3 whose report appears in the Consolidated Document on pages 22-29. This Report states that "These agreements (that is, relating to the first stage of the transition, namely the TEC) and their implementation are dependent upon agreement being reached by CODESA in respect of the second stage of the Transition, including an Interim Constitution, and general Constitutional Principles". (cf clause 4 of the Agreement on page 22).
3. Mindful that the above proviso is contained in the CODESA Agreements which are treated in the Multi-Party Forum as points of reference, and not as binding agreements; mindful also that some of the participants in the current Multi-Party Forum have specifically indicated that they consider themselves bound by the agreements reached in CODESA; while there are other participants in the current Multi-Party Forum who have specifically indicated that they do not consider themselves bound by the said agreements; it therefore becomes necessary that participants in the Multi-Party Forum should commit themselves to a similar type of provision so that the proposals based on the Multi-Party Resolution on the Negotiation Process may be addressed in a manner that removes any fears that agreement on any particular proposal necessarily implies agreement on their implementation.
4. The proposals contained in the first report of the Sub-Committee deals with the need for the setting up of technical committees on the following aspects:
 - 4.1 The Independent Elections Commission
 - 4.2 The Independent Media Commission and the Independent Telecommunications Authority
 - 4.3 The Amendment or repeal of legislation impeding free political activity and discriminatory legislation
 - 4.4 On the TEC and its Sub-councils with the proviso that the question of security forces and all armed formations shall be given priority attention.
 - 4.5 On strengthening the National Peace Accord
 - 4.6 On the Peace Corps

5. The second report of the Sub-Committee on other constitutional matters proposes two more technical committees;
 - 5.1 On fundamental rights in the Transition
 - 5.2 On other constitutional matters namely, Form of State and Constitutional Principles, Constitution Making Body/ Constituent Assembly, Transitional/Interim Constitution, Transitional Regional Government, the Future of the TBVC States and Self Determination.

6. It is expressly understood by all participants that each of the above proposals and the documentation emanating from such technical committees shall be discussed in the Negotiating Council with the view to arriving at an agreement on these matters. Furthermore that as when agreement is reached on each of these matters the Council shall expressly determine when and how the specific agreement shall be implemented. This provision is made so as to ensure participants have a clear understanding of the package of agreements which would constitute the key elements of the transition process.

7. Technical committees are not fora for negotiating substantive issues. They are instruments of the Negotiating Council in order to produce systematic documentation to facilitate discussion and negotiating in the Negotiating Council. Documentation produced by each of these technical committees shall be discussed at the Negotiating Council and on the basis of those discussions sent back to the technical committees for further development. This process would be repeated until agreement is reached in the Negotiating Council on a final document on the issue in question.