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THEME COMMITTEE 2

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Chairperson: Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen, Welcome to this meeting of Theme Committee 2 after little bit of recess as far as meetings are concerned. Before I asked for the approval of the minutes, certain corrections need to be made. On page 3 I didn't chair the meeting Mr MJ Mahlangu did. I apologized for not being present at that meeting and then on page 4 the meeting was opened by Mr MJ Mahlangu. Can we have a proposal of the approval of the minute?

Mr ? : Lets also correct a few things. I have a correction on page 9 annexure A. Page nine is part of the minutes, isnt' it, am I right? That Eastern Transvaal is not Eastern Transvaal that report came from the Northern Transvaal. There was no report from the Eastern Transvaal.

Chairperson: Any further corrections?

Mr ? : Just hold

Mrs: ? : Thank you Mr Chairperson, there is also a correction on page 8 that one wants to make that is a report from NorthWest, item 5 I think you will remember very well there was no consensus from the group which went to Klerksdorp on that point.

Chairperson: Page 8 item 5 of annexure 8. NorthWest. The paragraph that reads further the exercise was not worth the money.

Mrs?: Ja, I think they even remember that there was a bit of a debate so it would be actually wise to take that part off.

Chairperson: Do you have the correction? Any further corrections?

Mr. ? : Chairperson, it is not a correction. It is just a question. I don't know if it stand to rise now or after the corrections.

Chairperson: Let me just hear?

Mr. ? : The question is on page 431. Whether that supplementary report has been sent over to administration?

Chairperson: Lets read just after we have approved the minutes. Its something flowing from the minute. Can I take it that the minutes can be adopted now? Mr. Olifant?

Mr: Olifant: You can take item 5(?)...

- Chairperson: Must that be deputy speaker in stead of mayor? Deputy Speaker item 6 on page 7. Can I then take it that the minutes be approved? Thank you. Mr Mahlangu rises that point that you wanted to raise about page 4 on page 4 .
- Mr. Mahlangu: I am raising it now. Mr. Chairperson I just wanted to know what happened to the request that a supplementary report be drawn on submissions from the public, I just wanted to know if that has been done. The core group I think has assigned it to administration just to write a few sentences to comment about it, if I remember correctly.
- Mr. ? : Thank you Chairperson. That duty is supposed to be undertaken by the Technical advisors and according to the information we have received they are in the proses of compiling that report. Maybe after this meeting they can give us some details in our core group meeting or maybe they can answer for themselves.
- Mr?: Because we now sitting as a Theme Committee and the question has been raised here now.
- Chairperson: Can anybody from the Technical Committee advise us on this issue? On page, do you have this documentation, yes on page 4 , item 3(1) it was reported that the supplementary report requested for block one from the Technical Committee (?) specifically refer to the Public submissions. Ok, we are going to meet later I think we leave it at this stage. Mr Mahlangu, we are meeting the Technical experts after that. In the process I would just like to welcome the Technical Committee that was assigned to us and also the Technical Committee for Traditional leaders. The first time that they attend this specific meeting and they just mentioned that management have decided that they are basically assigned to this committee not to write the reports of the other Theme Committee's but just for the sake of co-ordinating the whole exercise with regard to public participation and things that goes with that. Mr Mahlangu?
- Mr Mahlangu: Chairperson, just before you proceed there are Advocate Mendemele(?) sent a note to say he will join us later he is coming. I think he has a transport problem I am not to sure
- Chairperson: Who is that?
- Mr. Mahlangu: Advocate Motimele. He will be joining us later and I have got two apologies from E. Mlangeni en E Phakathi, they

won't be here.

Chairperson: Two apologies, just to repeat the names again Mr Mahlangu.

Mr. Mahlangu: From Mr A Mlangeni and E Phakathi and John Mwedamutsu.

Chairperson: Item 3. Mr ?

Mr. Douglas(?): Just because we got on item 2 under opening and welcome could we just on the question of the agenda, I just want to give notice that under any other business I'd like to ask for a report on the inputs that have being made on box 2 and 3 from the Public and the Political parties. They should have been in by the 10th and I think we should just know what is the state and when we will be receiving those for consideration. I just give notice of that.

Chairperson: We note that. Item 3. Matters arising from the minutes. It concerns the access of political parties to the Technical experts. There is a report attached to our documentation, I would just like to highlight this that it appears that political parties can not have direct access to Technical experts, if they want assistance from Technical experts it is a question of raising it within the Theme Committee and then the Theme Committee make the request for the relevant assistance from the Technical experts. Subsequently they have developed a research department at the Administration as well as a Legal Department. The one being the Research Department being run by Gerrit Olivier and the Legal Department by Derek Powell(?) at the Research Desk that wants to establish so political parties can also avail themselves of this. Data basis that has been established in the administration as such. I thought I would just highlight those two. The rest we can read for our own information. Any questions about that? Item 4. Unfortunately we don't have the minutes of the core group that we held last week but it basically concerned the question of our work program and in house workshops for the month ahead as well as the matter that was raised by Mr Eglin with regard to the submissions received from the public at large and the political parties. How are we as a Theme Committee going to deal with that. The last time we started off with the political parties. Are we going to follow the same procedure or have we learnt something else in the process. Can we hear your suggestions in that regard? Now, the report actually reflects on 5 and 6. I hope you received this

document as well. Now lets look at the workshop on Traditional Leaders. First, it is on page 17 and the suggested date for that workshop will be the 3rd of April. Now obviously this will not only involve our Theme Committee only. It will involve the other Theme Committee as stipulated but I think for clarification sake I will ask Prof (?) to just brief us on exactly what they as a Technical Committee have in mind.

Mr (?): Mr Chairman, thank you very much. In the first place I would like to make a couple of corrections on the document that you have before you on page 17 which was still a reasonably rough draft when it got handed out. On item 3 that should read Traditional Leaders as Traditional officers not and. And item number 7 that allocation to Prof ? should read (?) that is Customary Law and the Bill of Rights. But apart from that our intention as we were asked at the meeting last week is to brief all Theme Committee's about what might be involved on the issue of Traditional Leaders. In particular and on the impact of Customary Law on this process in general or visa versa this processes impact on Customary Law. And so far as we in the Adhoc committee are aware the date of the third of April is looking alright for us. But we are not quite sure about the other Theme Committee's but there might be question about one of our members, but so far it is looking as if it is a go, thank you.

Chairperson: Substance would not be dealt with at that, it was just mentioned at that workshop. It is just to explain to each Theme Committee what its mandate really is and what it should concentrate on but a substance would be dealt with at a subsequent workshops as far as that is concerned.

Mr (?) : Thank you for saying, Mr Chairman and may I add also a plea that since we are the committee that is starting off behind everybody else as it were we still require some clarity about our work program. We are expecting that after this workshop or even during it Theme committee's will have a fair idea of what the best way of utilising our time from then onwards will be. We would like to get a clear idea as soon as possible.

Chairperson: I think Professor, you can join us after we have examined here with the core groups so that we can discuss that issue that you have just raised.

Prof ? : Mr Chairman I would suggest that we if we do accept we

just accept the principle of a workshop on the third of April. The actual details about the topics that are going to be handled then that should be a concluded after there has been a conversation between the various experts. For example in our last workshop we had issues of legislative role of the Traditional leaders the issue of executive role of Traditional Leaders. In other words we are seeing this thing for the first time ourselves, and there is structural aspects that we may not have accommodated here. So we would like to confirm with our colleagues in the Technical Committee on Traditional Leaders and perhaps with the core group and come with a program on this particular issue. But we would at present plead for acceptance of the principle of a workshop on Traditional Leader and we flesh out the detail later.

Chairperson:

For Professor's information we had a meeting last week I think with the adhoc committee on Technical Experts represented by all the Technical team committee's that deals with Traditional Leaders. And these were the points that were fleshed out at that meeting. Because we were talking about overlaps with regard to Traditional Leaders. Only to discover there are not really overlaps it is only a question of co-ordinating the public's participation of the Traditional Leaders with all the Theme Committee's so that the relevant questions regarding it's Theme Committee's mandate could be put to them. And this is just a explanation with regard to that particular mandate's of each Theme committee Substance of the Traditional Leaders will be dealt with at another place and at another venue.

Pahad:

I wonder if we can now look at this program because as it stands now it says at the top it is 09h00 to 13h00 and then inbetween you get lunch and then you get 5.6.7. and 8. Either we are going beyond lunch or we are not going beyond lunch that is the first thing. Second thing if we are not going beyond lunch I mean really, are we going to be able to take eight inputs in four hours even it is just briefings. So I do believe we do need to look at the program in addition to what Professor (?) has said. Maybe with the core group we look at it later because it should incorporate all of the different elements in the briefings itself so I just like to say as it stands now the program would certainly have to be revised, it is nothing as of a time point of view.

Mr Eglin:

I agree, as I understand this is really to give all the Theme

Committee's involved some idea of the scope of the work. Without it any way to argue the details of what must be put into that. I thought when we discussed it, we felt that what it does look like a long agenda these are really not substantive inputs they are just to explain to the Theme Committee's the scope of the work that they will have to undertake in due course and that after Easter we may well have to be workshops and evidence called. Hard evidence from Traditional leaders and others to deal with each one of them. I think we can review the agenda by the idea, would be that these are merely of advisory inputs it is the scope of the work. The second point I want to make is have we got the cooperation of the other Theme Committee's for this particular date? Because it is really of no value if it is only to us, so there must be a collective with the other Theme Committee's involved that they will send people along, because I think that is the intention.

I just wondered if the administration had looked into getting the other Theme Committee's involved?

Chairperson: Administration, can you answer that question?

Mr ? : Well, as of now, there is an invitation from Theme Committee Three as well as from Theme Committee Five. The thing is they have got their own dates for their own meetings so this is the problem that we raise at the admin as of now.

Chairperson: I think if I remembered correctly, the core group meeting it was suggested that they be approached rather than by our Secretariat by Mr Ebrahim executive director and I think we must find out from him how far he has got with them? So as if it is an instruction to meet on that particular day with regard to the Traditional Leaders , am I right? So in principle we then we accept the program as presented to us by the Technical Committee. They say with the delation with lunch they feel we can do all this before lunch, you agree with that?

Mr ? : I am sure we can, mr Chairmen, I stress again that this was very much a preliminary draft that seems to have escaped into the public domain without being actually corrected as it should have been. But I am pretty certain that it can all be done as mr Eglin said it is much more a question of general advisory inputs than detail.

Chairperson: If there is nothing further about that then we go to The

Technical Committee's program in general that is now to loose page we have in front of us. The suggestions made by them for workshop with regard to the legislation and executive at provincial level it is the 20th of March in the morning. That is now before the Queen address parliament and then we just approve in principle the Traditional authorities workshop. The 24th of April the Volkstaat Community Self Determination and then on the 8th of May the Electoral System and the 22nd of May Constitutional Amendments. Any suggestions or ideas or comments from the meeting.

Mr Eglin: Chairperson: the core group which responses on the right we sat and considered it for about two hours.

Chairperson: Mr Eglin is just referring on what we have just recommended on the right with regard what came from the Theme Committee. Thank you Mr Eglin, the date then is the 27th of March instead of the 20th of March for the first for the Legislature and the Executive at Provincial Level.

Mr ? : Maybe my memory is not as good, but I think let us just have another look. This question of Legislature and Executive at Provincial Level. I don't believe as a core group we actually agreed because I thought I myself had said that there are other Theme Committee's as a whole section dealing with the questions at Provincial level and that we should not deal with it now, but that the important one was the question of the issue of Check's and Balance's for 27th March 1995. I still believe that we should not proceed with some kind of discussion now on the question of the provincial level until some of the other Theme Committee's have actually finished their work and there is a whole Provincial Commission that is doing that work. So we are just repeating what they are doing, so I thought that is what we had agreed. Perhaps not but anyway if we didn't I would still like to suggest that we draw up the idea of the 20th of March and stick to 27th of March regarding the question of appropriate Check's and Balances.

Chairperson: This is what Mr Eglin draw my attention to and that is why I am dealing with the second block. The first one is the original submission by the Technical Committee so we are going to deal with topic relationship between the legislature and executive appropriate check's and balance's to ensure accountability, responsiveness and openness on the 27th of March that is at national level. Any further comments?

Mr Eglin: I am just raising this, I am in favour of this in principle I am just trying to look at the timetable before Easter. 27th of March and then the 3rd of April we will then by the time Easter comes we would have not yet started looking at any of the inputs on blocks two and three. As long as we are aware that what we are doing is by having workshops week after week, we will only start looking at the inputs on two and three on about the 24th of April, as long as we are aware of that. Because we have not yet have any reports on any of those inputs.

Chairperson: Do we approve the date the 27th for ourselves? The third we just approved and then the 24th of April. There is nothing no workshop until the findings of the Volkstaat Council is presented to the Theme Committee so that one is out. I think then perhaps we can start dealing with the Public Submissions of the Political Submissions as of the 24th but we can deal with that when Mr Eglin has asked his question on any other business. The 8th of May the Electro System - the date is provisional but we just want to plan ahead, any problems? Thank you. The 27th the Core Group the 22nd of May we did not take decision with regard to the date on the Constitutional Amendments and I think we leave it like that we can report again because after Easter we can have a better program with regard to involvement of the Technical Experts as well. Is that in order? Thank you. Now, any other business Mr Eglin?

Mr Eglin: Did we get a report from administration as to whether any inputs have been received in particular from the public as resolve of the advertisements that have appeared. Because the 10th of May was the cutoff date and likewise, I don't know if the Political Parties have responded. Are we going to get a report a we did with Block One on what has been received by the Administration or some kind of analyses of that?

Chairperson: Just to recall the remarks made by the Executive Director at the last core group meeting. They have received from the Political Parties and from the Public in general. They are in the process of compiling them for distribution to the Theme Committee members but that was now last week.

Mr Eglin: Have we received submissions from all Political Parties in this?

Chairperson: No indication with regard to that was given but they just said from Political Parties.

- Mr Emlin: Can that question be answered?
- Mr ? : With regard to submissions. The submissions are supposed to be dealt with by the Technical Advisors. What we do in our office there, is to count the number of submissions which we have received. As yet we have got about twenty-two submissions from the public on this issue block two and three, and I have just had a glance and saw a submission from the National Party and the PAC on block two and three. Actually it is the Technical Advisors who are supposed to look at the submissions and compile a synopsis whether or not they employ students to do that it is up to them but the administration is open and let me say with regard to the submission. We have got about seventy-four submissions in our office's ranging from block two, three up to block seven. So every kind of submission is there, it is waiting the attention of the Technical Advisors.
- Mr Emlin: May I then deduct from that that only the National Party and the PAC have handed in their submissions on block two and three.
- Mr ? : Well, I would not like to confirm at this, because I was just counting the submissions so I just saw the PAC and the National Party's submission, I would not say that it is officially confirmed.
- Mr Emlin: Mr Chairman, Can we then get a report from the other Political parties whether they have handed in their submissions?
- Mr Mahlangu: Yes, the ANC's submission is ready and it has been handed over through administrative process last week. It should be for this Theme Committee by Monday next week.
- Chairperson: The only party that I can recall that asked for extension of time until the conference of last week, was the IFP.
- Mrs ? : I will make enquiries this afternoon and report back to the Secretariat if I may?
- Mr ? : Ours should be finalized and should also be in by Monday.
- Mr Emlin: By following Mr Mahlangu and the General over here. I am saying that ours is in the process of being finalized and would also be in on Monday exactly thirteen days late. But chairperson, I raised the original question I am not satisfied with the report we have received I actually believe that we

should after the 10th we should from the secretariat have a report on what institutions private and submitted memoranda and what public and I think that should be an ongoing one and we should also receive copies of them. I also understand from my discussion that the administration doesn't ... but it is the responsibility of the Technical Committee to praise them and that the administration has got staff that would appraise them. But in due course that when it comes to synthesising and analyze and annualizing with the public and private reports, when the Technical Experts will come in and try to assist us in our work, but the work is an administrative one. It goes to Mr Hussen's office and it comes to us in the form this is the document, and this is appraise, and that after that when it comes to what I call the political processing we will to seek the advise of the Technical Committee's. I think we should actually receive the reports what has happened by the 10th? These are the names of the people who have submitted, and these are the actually documents so we can start perusing them.

Mr ?:

I think Mr Eglin is very correct. And also it is necessary for the political parties to receive the documents in full. If they wish to read them they read them if they don't wish to read only the praise they will only read the praise, but it can not be only the submissions only stay with the administration, that would be wrong. Anyway because they actually send to the Theme Committee not to the Administration and the administration is designed to facilitate with the work, so I think we need to say whatever submissions came in, it seems to me that administration needs to photocopy then give it to us. They should not wait until they have twenty-five. Because that makes it also difficult to read, and this is the first thing. Secondly Mr Eglin is quite right what Mr Ebrahim said to us was that they will employ researchers students in there to go through the submissions and just make appraises of them, the other work the most substantial work will then be done by the Technical Experts and I think it is important that we should know that that is how it is going to work.

Chairperson:

That is quite correct. The Secretariat must take note that we need the praise from the administration as well as the original documents so that we can start studying them. The other work done by the Technical Committee we will ascertain as we go along because it regards the annualizes of those documents submitted so that we can deal with that at that stage.

Mr ? : Can I asked a question. Is the Theme Committee saying then we need to bring this submissions here before they are synopsisized?

Chairperson: No, what is being said is that the administration will prepare the praisie of the documents. But in the meantime we get the original documents to read. And then you again submit the praisie to the Theme Committee. If they want to read the praisie only then they do that if they want to read the whole document they can do so. You are not going to evaluate the document. You are going to abbreviate the document itself in other words summarized it. What is the basic points of departure in the document? That is what the administration must do, not you Mr Hussens(?) department?

Mr Mahlangu: Chairperson, just for the Theme Committee information, is it not better to deal also with the last two attached documents on the agenda? Yes Chairperson they are really very relevant because the media section of the CA is actually requesting the Theme Committee's to have at least two members of the Theme Committee representing them on media briefings on the progress that we are making as Theme Committee's every Thursday at two o'clock that is at house I think that it is very relevant and very important to us.

Chairperson: This is now something else that we must still come to. We are not completed with the submissions. Remember when we dealt with the program there was nothing for us to do on the 24th of April. So I then appose the question can we at that stage start dealing with the submissions? Then just mention sort of how would we want to do it? Must we get the public involved initially or must we start of with the political parties again as we did the last time? Can we deal with that now, for the 24th?

Mr ? : I think you are quite right, that we do need to consider that the only problem in the absence of having a study of the submissions of the public it is very difficult to see that here is an outstanding submission and we might like to invite this group to come and speak to us on some issue. So my own suggestion is that we leave that open until we receive copies of the submissions and then we can come back to them and say whether we think we might want to invite somebody or some organization or institution or individual. What I think we should agree to now, is that at least the submissions of the political parties which three parties have

now agreed for that they will try and submit by next week that we can actually begin the discussion of those submissions.

Chairperson: So your proposal is that we start off with the political parties first as from the 24th? The general agreement on that? That is agreed upon.

Mr ? : Let us have a look at also the Public's submissions. One we get it we will be able to make a valid judgement on what we want to start. But at least we will have something but it is better we start with them or whether we start with something else. I want to suggest we leave it just slightly open at this moment in time and perhaps the core group can then look at it and make proposals and make recommendations at the Theme Committee.

Chairperson: Thank you. Now we deal with the last two pages of our documentation. We need to nominate two members from this Committee to attend the weekly media briefing.

Mr. Eglin: Chairperson, I have no doubt that this is well meant but I am concern at us getting messages from the Secretariat not coming threw the Executive Director. Because here you have got a function you just writes directly to a Theme Committee and starts saying that there is going to be a certain additional meeting. I actually belief that this kind of work that depends very heavily on us should be coordinated threw Mr Ebrahim's office. Otherwise we are going to get all kinds of function in saying will you please supply us? Well, in practise, there is no way that we are going to supply them with two people to be available each Thursday and by eleven o'clock them morning before give them a written submission of what we want to say. I don't think it will fit in with our general activity with what we are doing. I really that this is well meant I just don't think we can say automatically because we got a letter from Mr Sithole. Therefor automatically we have to appoint people and they have to appear every Thursday at two o'clock. So I would say it should be a further discussion with the Secretariat on this whole exercise. I don't think is has been to management.

Mr ? : Mr Eglin, the person who wrote this memorandum is an agent of the principle Mr Ebrahim. I don't know whether the powers invested to the agent are questionable just because she is an agent, but Mr Ebrahim knows about this.

Gen Groenewald: Just a matter of procedure. If he does it on behalf of Mr Ebrahim then Mr Ebrahim's letterhead should be there and he can sign it on behalf of Mr Ebrahim, but we want to know this is a management decision and not just an decision of an individual.

Mr Pahad: I think Mr Eglin is right in so far as the Technical Procedure Party is concern and that should indicate it. But I don't think it is so correct with the respect of the second part because we ourselves have been demanding here so this Theme Committee that we should interact much better with the media and we need it to utilize the media more often in order to get our views across to the wider public. And if I remember correctly we even went so far as practically compelling the administration to call a media briefing were some of our coaches were actually able to speak to the media. So I think that Mr Sithole's response if you leave aside the Technical part of the procedure of who he has communicated with us. Seems to me to be consistent with what we have been asking, I would like to make that as a first point. The second point is they are not asking political parties to send one or two representatives they are asking Theme Committee's to and I think our discussion should then be whether or not political parties have the capacity to attend that particular briefing. Because if they had and they wish to they are entitled to, but whether our coaches would be able to attend to this particular function and other political parties are not coaches would of course would be most welcome to attend those briefings and to give any additions if they think the coaches are not representing their views correctly. So my own suggestion would be that we would take into account Mr Eglin's technical point and we indicate that communications to Theme Committee's should be done through the Executives secretary that is correct, otherwise confusion can reign. But that we accept the suggestion of Mr Sithole with regard with the setting up the media briefings.

Thirdly that we ask our coaches, we have three coaches, to attend to this and their problems to discuss with other members of the core group if they are available could then attend on behalf of the Theme Committee. Thirdly in doing the weekly briefing we just need to ensure that whatever is said at the media briefing is a consensus view of all the political parties that are represented on the Theme Committee. I think that if we proceed in that way we could then accept the suggested proposal of Mr Sithole.

Chairperson: Just to summarize. You saying you should inform that correspondence of this nature must come from the

Executive Director or it must be indicated that it carries his approval. Secondly that the coach there deal with the question of media briefings on Thursday in consultation with other members of the core group if some of them are available for that particular briefing. Thirdly that we sort of accept that we will attend these media briefings on Thursday's. Any objection to that?

Mr. ?: No objection to that as such, but just to try and bring everybody on board. I think I agree fully with the suggestion, I would just like to say perhaps it could also be open up to all the members of the Theme Committee in case of consultation for those briefings. Not particularly the core group members. Thank you.

Chairperson: Do you object to that suggestion Mr Pahad, so then the decision will read in consultation with members of the Theme Committee as such as just members of the core group.

Mr Eglin: Mr Chairperson, I Just have reservations about this as a concept. I believe that the media is interesting in what is going to happen. I need to say that 12 people are got to be there every Thursday and some of them should not in fact have a report which indicates any progress. All we have done is we designing this at the other. I believe that if you could at a press conference, have a release of something that has happened that will grab attention, you will get some review of it. But merely to say as a matter of routine two people of each Theme Committee wants to attend every press conference. I think we will just switch the press off and will not achieve the effect of highlighting the work of the process. Secondly I think that whatever the Theme Committee's are doing what is happening at management what is happening at the CA and the CC are actually as important or perhaps more important. I would like to know is the Theme of the CC is going to be represented there and is the CA going to be represented there? Then I must say this that unless the Theme Committee's has something specific for release that indicates progress and that merely they are all going to attend this meeting as a matter of routine I doubt it will be a successful as far as the media is concerned but if you want to experiment with it experiment with it, experiment with it.

Mr ??: I just wanted to say perhaps it makes sense to say we can't expect two people to be at the media briefing without even when people do not having anything to say. But I think the

common sense is that people will have to go there when there is something to be said. During the week when we don't have anything we just don't go.

Chairperson: Anybody else? Can we then approve the proposal as tabled by Mr Pahad? Thank you. Just for our notice, the format in which we must present reports in future and last week we have received from the CA a document on which each political party must comment with regard to the drafting procedure that must be followed. I am just reminding political parties not to forget to make your input in that regard. This meeting has then come to an....

Mr ? : I think that what we should do is not just note it. I think as the Theme Committee we should say that we agree to this proposal. If we note it we might then decide to do it some other way so, I think it is important from the point of view, just the technical part just to say that this Theme Committee agrees with the management committee's proposal that this is how reports should be written out and that it is then our responsibility that the reports are written up in that format.

Chairperson: Thank you. Everybody in agreement with that, that we formally approve the format in which we present our reports as presented by management. Thank you.