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**PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE  
NEGOTIATING COUNCIL ON 10 AUGUST 1993**

1. The Planning Committee recommends that a Commission be appointed to make recommendations to the Negotiating Council on the national symbols for the Constitution for the transitional period. It is proposed that -
  1. the terms of reference for such a commission could be those contained in the attached draft resolution;
  2. at least ten but not more than fifteen people be appointed on the commission;
  3. participating parties be asked to lodge nominations for appointments on the commission to the Administration on or before Tuesday 17 August 1993;
  4. and that the Planning Committee should make recommendations on the composition of the Commission to the Council on or before Thursday 19 August 1993.

**DRAFT RESOLUTION ON A COMMISSION ON NATIONAL  
SYMBOLS: 10 AUGUST 1993**

1. **Whereas** in the deliberations concerning a constitution for the transitional period, the question of national symbols will have to be addressed;
2. **And** whereas this is an extremely emotional issue that will have to be dealt with with the utmost sensitivity;
3. **But** whereas cultural, artistic and technical aspects are also to be taken into account;
4. **We**, the Negotiating Council, hereby appoint

as members of a Commission on National Symbols to make recommendations before the end of October 1993 to us, the Negotiating Council, or to any body that might at that time have replaced the Negotiating Council, on a national flag, a coat of arms, a seal and an anthem for the Constitution for the transitional period.

5. **The Commission is requested to -**
  - (1) invite proposals from all interested persons or parties and to allow at least one month for submissions to be made;
  - (2) take into account the diversity of the South African population but concentrate on the unifying function that national symbols must serve;
  - (3) and in its recommendations submit at least four alternative flags and coats of arms.