

## REPORT ON PARTICIPATION

The Negotiating Council has to report that the issue of **participation** is still under consideration. A report has been submitted by the Planning Committee to the Negotiating Council, but it was found that this was not satisfactory. A further recommendation will be made to the Negotiating Council by Planning Committee at its first meeting after this Forum. A proposal will be then be tabled at the next meeting of the Negotiating Forum.

The Negotiating Council and Planning Committee are grappling with the difficult issue of what objective criteria can be used to measure participation in the Multi-Party Negotiating Process. These include the participation of Traditional Leaders. Both the Planning Committee and the Negotiation Council are conscious of the extreme urgency and sensitivity of the matter. Present participants are hereby again invited to submit proposals in this regard to the Planning Committee, through Administration.

Letters informing all new applicants of this state of affairs had been faxed to those concerned.

Although no recommendation can therefore be made to this Negotiating Forum, delegates are welcome to comment on this issue.