

African National Congress (SA),
P.O. Box 31791,
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5/3/86

Comrade Albie Sacks,
c/o ANC Chief Rep.,
MAPUTO.

Dear Comrade Albie,

I hope by now you have received a copy of my letter of the 11th February, 1986.

On the 12th February, 1986, our constitution committee met to review our work and also to discuss the NEC's reply to our preliminary report. Cde Jack had been requested to draft a discussion draft on the NEC's response. Present at the meeting were Cdes Zola, Teddy and the writer. As there were no objections in principle to the discussion draft, the meeting adopted it as our preliminary response to NEC comment pending a formal reply by a plenary session of our constitution committee. I accordingly enclose copy of Cde Jack draft to NEC's response.

Cde Kader Asmal has been asked to prepare a brief on

- a) relative benefits of proportional representation over direct representation;
- b) benefits of presidential system over Prime Ministerial System.

His (Cde Kader) initial response was to prepare for us a paper on Electoral System. We are circulating the said paper to all our committee members. We enclose a copy for your attention.

a) I have further to report that our organisation was approached by officials of the Foundation for International Conciliation, Cde Zola represented our Legal Department. He has already briefed us on this meeting and has provided us with documents and other material made available to our organisation.

b) We further received from our London Office a letter from the Institution for Social Inventions, enclosing a paper by David Chapman on "An Electoral System for South Africa".

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We have not yet discussed these documents but have instead asked Comrade Jack to make brief comments on them; I enclose copy of the said comments dated the 4th February, 1986.

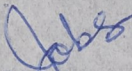
As our work has so far evoked interesting responses and reactions we find it imperative that we meet pretty soon and further to hold a joint meeting with the NEC's sub-committee on constitution.

We recommend that our next session last for about a week.

We have fixed the next date of our meeting as the 2nd April, 1986; by then we would have moved to our new offices, half a kilometre from town. At the present moment we are waiting for our office furniture ordered from Shinga Furniturers.

Amandla!

Yours in the Year of Umkhonto Wesizwe,


JOBE
Secretary
Constitution Committee

c.c. Kader Asmal

P. Maduna

MINUTES OF CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

HELD ON THE 4TH MARCH, 1986

10.45 a.m.

Present: Cdes Jobs, Teddy and Jack

Apologies: Cde Maduna attending conference in Arusha
Cde Zola Attending conference in Vienna
Cde Kadel Asmal and Albie Sack have not been asked to attend.

1. Letter from Cde Kadel Asmal of the 18th February 1986 enclosing document "Electoral Systems read Cde Jack moves that Secretary should prepare photostat copies of the document and have it circulated.
2. Meeting discussed the question of non-availability of Cde Kader for the meeting scheduled for the 8th and 9th March, 1986.

Without discussing commitments of other comrades, it is resolved that meeting be postponed to the 2nd April, 1986 to start at 10 a.m.

3. The Agenda of the meeting of the 2nd April, 1986 is discussed and items marshalled as follows:-
 - (a) Reading of Minutes of previous meetings.
 - (b) Discussion of the work of the Foundation for International Conciliation.
 - (c) Discussion of paper by David Chapman on "An Electoral System for South Africa".
 - (d) Cde Jack's comments on (b) and (c) above.
 - (e) Discussion of Cde Kader Asmal paper on "Electoral System".
 - (f) Discussion NWC response to our Report and Cde Jack Draft reply.
 - (g) Discussion of Prof. Seidman's letter.

4. It was further agreed that in view of the delay in holding C.C's plenary session, the secretary should in the meantime circulate our provisional response as per Cde Jack's draft reply.
 - Cde Secretary to ask to be furnished with copy of "NEC's Political Guidelines" as promised;
 - That a joint meeting be arranged between NEC sub-committee and Constitution Committee.

5. Secretary to acknowledge receipt of Prof. Seidman's Memo to ABC. Meeting declared closed 11.45 a.m.

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MINUTES OF CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

HELD ON THE 12TH FEBRUARY, 1986

PRESENT: Comrades Jack Simons, Zola Skweyiya, Teddy Pekane and Z.N. Jobodwana

APOLOGIES: None except to report that both comrades Albie Sacks and Kader Ksmal had not been requested to attend as they are occupied in their respective official duties. Cde Maduna had requested to go to Mazimbu to wind up his work and attend to other matters incidental to his stay in Mazimbu.

1. The minutes of the first session of the committee dated 8th to the 14th January, 1986 were read. Cde Jack seconded by Cde Zola moved for the adoption of the minutes as true record of committees proceedings.
2. Comrade Jobs makes the following announcements:-
 - (a) That Cdes Jack's reply to the NWC's response of the 7th February, 1986 has been circulated amongst the committee members;
 - (b) Further copies of the minutes of our first session with our Preliminary and NWC response have been sent to Cde Kader and Albie.
3. Cde Zola gave a report on his meeting with the officials of the Foundation for International Conciliation.

In principle the ANC is not against the work of the Foundation. A special written Memorandum of this meeting and our attitude will have to be made.

4. Cde Jack had been given documents and other material made available to us by the Foundation. His comments have since been circulated among the members.
5. The meeting discussed Cde Jack's reply to NWC response. In principle it was agreed that Cde Jack's comments were sufficient for the time being. There were no objections in principle.
 - Other committee members to be sent copies of Cde Jack's comments to NWC reply.

6. NEC was requested to furnish the committee with clear political guidelines as promised in their letter of the 7th February, 1986. Cde Jack to write letter to that effect.

- Clear political guidelines to be made available to the committee before the 8th March, 1986.

7. Secretary to communicate the next date of our meeting to Cdes Maduna, Albie and Kader.

Dates agreed upon 8th and 9th March, 1986.

- Tickets for Albie and Kader to be requisitioned accordingly.

8. Sponsorship for library discussed but matter postponed indefinitely.

Jobs
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