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For the attention of Tikfie  
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Dear Tikfie

I am faxing to you the Codesa form duly completed together with a press statement by the Commonwealth Secretary General announcing the constitution of the Commonwealth Observer team to Codesa.

I will be in touch tomorrow regarding the other matters.

Yours Sincerely  
M. Anafu.

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## Convention for a Democratic South Africa

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TO: INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Kindly complete the attached form and return it to the Codesa offices as a matter of urgency, to fax no. 011 397-2211 by no later than 10h00 on Tuesday 17 December 1991.

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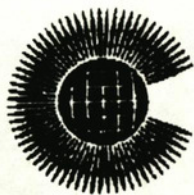
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Name of Delegate (in full, stating title/rank):

1. THE REV. DR. CANAAN BANANA.
2. THE RT. HON. MR. JUSTICE TELFORD GEORGES
3. THE RT. HON. SIR GEOFFREY HOWE QC, MP.
4. TAN SRI HAJI MOHAMMED GHAZALI SHAFIE
5. SHRI DINESH SINGH
6. THE RT. HON. SIR NINIAN STEPHEN

Name of Support Staff (Maximum of two per delegate, in full and stating title/rank).

1. Mr. M. Malhotra, Assistant Secretary - General
2. Mr. Stuart Mole, Director, Secretary - General.
3. Private Office.
4. Dr. M. Anafu, Assistant Director,
5. International Affairs Division
6. Miss Lorna McLaren
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# Commonwealth News Release

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## COMMONWEALTH MISSION FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CONVENTION

The Commonwealth will begin a new phase in its relations with South Africa, with the announcement today of a high level official mission to the all party negotiations in South Africa later this month. The mission, which will comprise six distinguished Commonwealth citizens, follows the first ever visit to South Africa by the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Chief Emeka Anyaoku in November to explore ways in which the Commonwealth could lend momentum to the negotiating process. The formal invitation to the Commonwealth to send observers to the talks - now known as the Convention for a Democratic South Africa - on 20-21 December 1991, was received by the Secretary-General from the two co-chairpersons of the talks.

Announcing the team today, the Secretary-General said that the group would be the Reverend Dr Canaan Banana, former President of Zimbabwe; Sir Geoffrey Howe, former British Foreign Secretary and Deputy Prime Minister; two other former Foreign Ministers - Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie of Malaysia and Shri Dinesh Singh of India; Sir Ninian Stephen, former Governor General of Australia; and Mr Justice Telford Georges, former Chief Justice of the Bahamas.

During his visit to South Africa in November, Chief Anyaoku had extensive discussions with President W F De Klerk and the leaders of all the major political parties. He put forward proposals for pursuing the decision by Heads of Government at their recent Harare summit meeting that the Commonwealth should assist the negotiating process. The second proposal put to the government and the principal parties concerned envisages that the Secretary-General will be available to visit South Africa at appropriate stages of the forthcoming negotiations. He will be accompanied by specialist advisers whose expertise might be useful to the negotiating parties.

Chief Anyaoku said: "This represents an important development in the Commonwealth's relations with South Africa. Now that all are at one in seeking a common goal - namely, the end of apartheid and establishment of a new democratic non-racial South Africa - Commonwealth Heads of Government asked me to explore ways in which the Commonwealth could help. At this

stage of the Commonwealth's involvement, I hope that the presence of such a distinguished group of Commonwealth citizens will help to demonstrate the Commonwealth's strong support for the negotiating process and promote mutual trust among the various parties which will be essential if progress is to be made. As part of its mission, I expect the group to hold consultations with the leaders of the political parties and to be available to assist in whatever way might be helpful to the negotiating process. As the negotiations proceed, I expect to return to South Africa from time to time with appropriate advisers whose expertise might be helpful to the Convention."

The group will assemble for briefing by the Secretary-General on 17 December 1991 and leave for South Africa immediately thereafter, reporting to the Secretary-General on the outcome of their visit on their return.

Notes on Members of the Mission

**REVEREND DR CANAAN SODINDO BANANA** (Zimbabwe)  
Former President of Zimbabwe 1980-1987

Personal

Born 1936, Matabeleland. Educated at Mzinyati Mission, Epworth Theological College, Salisbury, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington DC, and the University of South Africa. Married with 3 sons and 1 daughter.

Career

Methodist Minister 1963-1970. Founder Member and first Vice President, ANC Zimbabwe 1971-1973. ANC Representative in North America and at the United Nations 1973-1975. Office holder ZANU-PF 1976-1980. President of Zimbabwe 1980-1987.

**THE RT HON MR JUSTICE TELFORD GEORGES** (Trinidad and Tobago)  
Former Chief Justice of the Bahamas 1984-1990

Personal

Born 1923, Dominica. Educated at Dominica Grammar School and Toronto University. Married with 1 son and 1 daughter.

Career

Called to the Bar 1949. Judge of the High Court, Trinidad and Tobago, 1962-1974. Chief Justice of Tanzania 1965-1971. Vice-Chairman, Trinidad and Tobago Constitutional Reform Commission 1971-1974. Judge of the Courts of Appeal, Belize, Bahamas, Bermuda, Turks and Caicos Islands 1975-1981. Judge of the Supreme Court 1981-1983 and Chief Justice 1983, Zimbabwe. Chief Justice of the Bahamas 1984-1990.

**RT HON SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, QC, MP** (Britain)  
Former Deputy Prime Minister (1989-1990) and Former Foreign Secretary (1983-1989)

Personal

Born 1926, Glamorgan, Wales. Educated Winchester and Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Married with 1 son and 2 daughters.

Career

Queen's Counsel 1965. Member of Parliament from 1970. Solicitor-General 1970-1972. Minister for Trade and Consumer Affairs 1970-1974. Chancellor of the Exchequer 1979-1983. Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs 1983-1989. Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the House of Commons 1989-1990.

**TAN SRI HAJI MOHAMMED GHAZALI SHAFIE, PMN, SSAP, SIMP, SPDK**  
(Malaysia)  
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs 1981-1984

Personal

Born 1922, Kuala Lipis, Malaysia. Educated Raffles College, Singapore, and University College of Wales. Married with 2 sons.

Career

Former civil servant assigned to Office of the Commissioner for Malaya, London and as Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya, New Delhi. Deputy Secretary for External Affairs 1957 and Acting Permanent Secretary 1959. Senator and Minister with Special Functions 1970-1972. Minister of Home Affairs 1973-1981. Minister of Foreign Affairs 1981-1984. Government Special Envoy 1984.

**SHRI DINESH SINGH (India)**  
Former Minister of External Affairs 1969-1970

Personal

Born 1925, Uttar Pradesh, India. Educated Doon School and Colvin College, Lucknow University. Married with 6 daughters.

Career

Deputy Minister for External Affairs 1962-1966. Minister of State for External Affairs 1966-1967. Minister of Commerce 1967-1969. President of UNCTAD II 1968-1972. Minister for External Affairs 1969-1970, of Industrial Development and Internal Trade 1970-1971, of Water Resources February-June 1988, of Commerce 1988-1989. President of Indian Council for South Asian Co-operation.

**THE RT HON SIR NINIAN STEPHEN, AK, GCMG, GCVO, KBE**  
(Australia)  
Former Governor-General of Australia 1982-1989

Personal

Born 1923, Oxford, Britain. Educated at St. Paul's School, London, Scotch College, Melbourne and Melbourne University. Married with 5 daughters.

Career

Served in Australian Army in World War II. Admitted as Barrister in 1949. Queen's Counsel 1966. Served as Judge, Supreme Court of Victoria 1970, and Justice of the Australian High Court 1972-1982. Governor-General of Australia 1982-1989. Appointed as Australian Ambassador for the Environment 1989.