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Dear Janie,

I attach a photocopy of a letter from Dr T van der Walt of the HSRC and of the document he attached thereto.

It would seem to me that the HSRC might render valuable assistance to one or more of the working groups and that all of them should be made aware of the availability of this service.

Over to you.

To Eve,


Z. J. DE BEER



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Dear Dr De Beer

The HSRC has noted with great interest the establishment of CODESA and would like to congratulate all those who contributed to the eventual realization of this historic forum.

The HSRC is keen to support this initiative and accordingly would like to make its services and expertise available to the Convention and its secretariat, should the need arise for expert contributions and scientifically based information.

The published list of items on the agenda of CODESA reveals many levels of contract with the fields in which the HSRC has conducted research over many years, and in this process it has built up comprehensive databases. Some of the databases, especially those that concern constitutional development, include data from overseas countries.

Attached is a document that sketches the fields in which the HSRC may be of service to you.

If you would like to make use of the HSRC's services, please contact dr J H Beukes, tel. (012) 202-2139, General Manager responsible for Corporate Communications.

Yours sincerely

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POSSIBLE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE HSRC TO CODESA

General constitutional principles/constitution-making process

Advice regarding constitutional systems found in other countries and lessons that South Africa can learn from the experiences of such countries. Explanation of the way that different systems function, the nature of checks and balances and other constitutional mechanisms that may be relevant to South Africa.

The undertaking of urgent research on constitutional questions and alternative ways of addressing problems. Fields that may be of interest are the protection of socio-economic rights, the demarcation of regional boundaries, competencies of regional governments and checks and balances.

The provision of a computerized database containing and analysis of 40 constitutions in order to facilitate comparative research.

The drafting of model bills as well as scientific comment on such documents.

Sociopolitical analysis of processes and trends and how best to handle them.

Creation of a climate for free political participation

Training in multicultural communication. The effectiveness of political groups communication with the broad population can be determined, and recommendations made on how to improve this where necessary.

Research and advice on the following factors affecting socio-economic development:

- Cultural interaction and development
- Development planning, especially in respect of urbanization, housing and community development
- Rural development
- Environmental development and management

Conflict analysis, conflict resolution and conflict management: Causes can be determined, guidelines and coping mechanisms can be suggested, as well as training given in handling negotiation and mediation.

Population projections and their implications for basic needs, such as education, health services, training and housing, including the implications of the new political dispensation such as the consequences of repealing the Group Areas Act.

Development and evaluation of strategies to promote the process of democratization among the population.

Countrywide surveys can be undertaken to determine people's attitude to/perceptions of the activities and decision of CODESA.

An on-line information service with the HSRC and with international databases can be linked to the convention to provide immediate information, electronically and/or on hard copy.

The processing and analysis of data (quantitative and qualitative) that the convention already has at its disposal.

Information on human rights and how they are applied internationally.

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VOORLEGGINGS AAN KODESA

U oproep om voorleggings aan Kodesa in Rapport (16 Februarie, 1992: 11) het betrekking.

Die kort tydsverloop tot die sperdatum van 2 Maart laat min tyd vir sinvolle voorbereiding en om te voorkom dat 'n belangrike aangeleentheid skade berokken word wil ek poog om duidelikheid oor toekomstige voorleggings te verkry.

Gesondheidsdienslewering in 'n nuwe Suid-Afrika behoort op die een of ander stadium op die agenda van Kodesa te dien. Graag verneem ek of u voorsien dat daar 'n werkgroep met so 'n opdrag totstand sal kom, en of hierdie werkgroep oor gesondheidsdienslewering ook, soos nou die geval met die ander werkgroepe is, na buite sal konsulteer.

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