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CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE
DELIMITATION AND DEMOGRAPHIC SUB-COMMITTEE

REPORT ON WORK TO DATE AND PLAN OF ACTION

BACKGROUND

The Constitutional Committee requires:

- (i) a resource to be established which contains documentation relevant to the delimitation of regions (political or other) in our country;
- (ii) work to be done on obtaining an accurate understanding of the demographic breakdown of the South African population;
- (iii) preliminary work to be undertaken on a number of questions pertinent to the constitutional deliberations.

BRIEF FOR THE PROJECT

Mr. George Bizos and Mr. Pius Langa (who form the internal sub-committee dealing with this brief) engaged a consultant to begin this work. Two basic tasks have been identified:

- (i) some of the possible Departments which will need to be established; and
- (ii) possible persons who could be drawn in to undertake this work (either full-time or as consultants).

This report describes the preliminary investigations. A properly motivated budget will be provided once comments have been made on this preliminary work.

proposed that we engage in some research ourselves to obtain a more accurate picture of the demographic context.

RESEARCH TEAM

A national research team is being identified which will ensure that this information is readily available for the Constitutional Department and Committee. The team will be able to provide analyses of different options which emerge during deliberations.

As a first step in this regard it is suggested that the consultant conduct a workshop to provide a preliminary overview of how regions are delimited and what the demographic composition of our country looks like. In addition, enclosed please find an earlier report summarizing some information on the breakdown of the ANC's regions.

THE SUB-DEPARTMENTS

At least three departments are in the process of being established. These are described below and fuller reports will be prepared in the near future.

1. Map Department This department requires a proper classification of maps relevant to the work of the Constitutional Committee. These include:

(i) the wide range of official maps relevant to the Committee's being collected (indicating tribal boundaries, economic development boundaries, administrative boundaries, etc.);

(ii) the wide range of information not readily available (this includes maps depicting the electoral boundaries);

(iii) maps which would need to be constructed to test out various options.

In addition, this Department will try and simplify the information available so that it may be readily cross-referenced and options tested out. Here, the information will probably be computerised.

In terms of work to date, a significant start has been made. Most of the maps have been collected (at least in basic form) and a simple report will be produced describing what is available.

2. Delimitation Department This Department is in the process of

(i) collecting information on the various Delimitation Commissions (not only electoral ones, but those around RSC's, incorporation etc.) What will need to be done is to distill the various arguments used in these commissions by the various parties;

(ii) collecting additional information on ways in which other regions (business, cultural, sporting, etc.) have been delimited;

(iii) beginning to work out ways in which various options and combinations of regions may best reflect the work of the committee.

To date, the basic information has been identified and much of it collected. A task schedule is being worked out so that some part-time assistants will be able to collect the remaining information.

3. Demographic Department This Department will contain

(i) as much relevant information as possible on the demographic breakdown of our country (using studies from both the government, private sector and our own work). Obviously this includes age-sex breakdowns, housing information, etc.;

(ii) more qualitative descriptions of the groupings of people; and, if possible,

(iii) a computerised data base.

A wide variety of base sources of information have been collected. What needs to be done is to identify how best to capture the information into a data base facility which will allow easy analysis of these data. In addition, it is