

COMMUNICATION TO WORKING GROUP STEERING COMMITTEES (WGSCs) FROM THE DAILY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Co-ordination between DMC and the WGSCs/WGs

- 1.1 All five WGs of CODESA met on 20 January 1992. Their respective Steering Committees (WGSCs) have commenced work. At a meeting held on 28 January 1992, the DMC considered the progress of the WGs. While aiming to ensure that each WG enjoys a maximum degree of flexibility in the manner in which it attends to its task, the DMC is mindful of the need for a certain degree of uniformity.
- 1.2 The relationship between, and the mechanism linking the WGs, WGSCs, WG5 and the DMC are key to enabling the WGs to attend to their tasks.
- 1.3 There appears to be an overlapping between the DMC and WG5. A discussion of this is taking place between the DMC and WGSC5 on 6 February 1992. The results will be reported in due course.

2. Research

- 2.1 Each WG should identify the type of research/information the WG as a whole requires and recommend who should carry out this work, according to a specified time-frame. The Secretariat will then process this request on the DMC's behalf.

3. Submissions to the WGs

- 3.1 It is necessary that all possible practical steps are taken to draw the public into the work of the CODESA Working Groups.
- 3.2 A media conference is planned to be held after the MC meeting on 10 February 1992, in order to invite and encourage written submissions to each WG.
- 3.3 WGs are requested to make any suggestions on how this matter can be dealt with at the press conference. It would be appreciated if these suggestions can be made available to the DMC at 16h00 on 6 February 1992.

4. Reaching agreement in WGs

- 4.1 It is important that the WGs adhere to the decision-making mechanism adopted at CODESA 1 in the form of the Standing Rules. In particular, we wish to draw your attention to Paragraph 3 of the Standing Rules, concerning the process of agreement by consensus/sufficient consensus, with the proviso that any reservations/dissenting opinions by any participant are recorded.

5. Recording of WG meetings

5.1 The MC decision of 13 January 1992 that no audio recordings of WG meetings should be kept and that any recordings made should be for the purposes of clarification of minutes, still stands.

6. Press statements

6.1 The DMC suggests that media statements that WGs might want to release should be co-ordinated by the DMC through its Chairperson, in liaison with the WGSCs.

7. Meeting of WGs on 10 February 1992

7.1 WGs are asked to note that a meeting of the MC is taking place on 10 February 1992, starting at 09h00 and expected to last for the rest of the day. WGs must please bear this in mind when arranging their next meetings.

cc **Members of the Management Committee**
Members of the Daily Management Committee