

BRIEF NOTES CONCERNING PROGRESS OF WORKING GROUPS

14/2/1992

WORKING GROUP 1:

1. WG1 has had three meetings: 20/1; 27/1; 6/2. It elected a Steering Committee of 9 people which has met two times: 3/2; 6/2.
2. On 6th February, it established three Sub-Groups (WGSUB1s):
 - WGSUB1(1) - Completing the Reconciliation Process
 - WGSUB1(2) - Continuing the Security and Socio-Economic Process
 - WGSUB1(3) - Creating the Climate & Opportunity for Free Political Participation
3. All three WGSUB1s have met once.
4. The WG1 Chairperson is appointed from members of the WGSC1 for 3 consecutive meetings including at least one WG meeting; this appointment is on rotation basis according to the alphabetical order of party names. In addition to the Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson is appointed from members of the WG who are not WGSC members.

Previous Chairperson = K Asmal (ANC)
 Chairperson of next meeting = MB Webb (Ciskei)

5. The WG1 does not want Rapporteurs. It feels that the Chairpersons should be responsible for this task and that the WGSC should be made responsible for appointing the Rapporteur to CODESA 2.

WORKING GROUP 2:

1. WG2 has met on 20/1; 6/2; and 11/2.
2. No. of people elected on the basis of individual competence rather than party affiliation to WGSC2 = 8
3. Date of full WGSC2 held: 27/1.
4. WG2 to meet every Monday and Tuesday.
5. Chairpersonship: WG2 chair nominated by the WGSC2 meeting which is to take place after each WG2 meeting. The Chairperson is drawn from members of the WGSC2.
6. WG2 has completed first round of discussions on areas of commonality regarding constitutional principles in order to define the problems that need to be addressed. Parties have brought written submissions to the last WG2 meeting.

WG2 is initially concentrating on the Terms of Reference covering general constitutional principles contained in the 1st assignment before looking at the question of a constitution-making body.
7. "The principle of self-determination of peoples and its application and practical implementation in the SA situation" has been included in WG2's Terms of Reference
8. WG2 has not set up sub-groups.

WORKING GROUP 3

1. The WG3 had held 3 meetings: 20/1; 6/2; 11/2
2. A WGSC of 8 people was appointed and has held 2 meetings: 6/2; 11/2 . WGSC3 to meet half an hour before the WG3 meetings to check the recommendations being put forward for ratification.
3. For the moment WG3 Chairperson ia Ken Andrews (DP). The WGSC3 has suggested that one person drawn from the WGSC3 act as Chairperson for 4 meetings of the WG3. Ken Andrews to be Chairperson for the next three meetings, followed by D de Villiers (NP) and then L. Landers (LP).
4. WG3 agreed to discuss sub-groups at a later stage.
5. Two Rapporteurs have been appointed: JT Madiba (Transkei) and Piet Kleynhans (Government).

WORKING GROUP 4:

1. Dates of WG4 meetings held: 20/1; 6/2; 10/2
2. Dates of WGSC1 held: 20/1; 27/1; 11/2
3. No. of people in WGSC4 = 9
4. Chairpersonship: WG4 to be drawn from WGSC4. First Chairperson was F. Mdlalose (IFP) followed by S. Sigcau (Transkei) who has been asked to chair until CODESA2.
5. 4 Sub-Groups have been established:
 - WGSUB4(1) - Testing the Will of the People
 - WGSUB4(2) - Citizenship
 - WGSUB4(3) - Financial, Administrative and Practical Implications of Reincorporation
 - WGSUB4(4) - Legal and Constitutional Implications of Reincorporation
6. WG4 is to raise the issue of consensus/sufficient consensus at the DMC for clarification. This has arisen on 3 different occasions.

WORKING GROUP 5:

1. Dates of WG5 meeting held: 20/1; 6/2
2. Dates of WGSC5 held: 29/1; 10/2
3. No. of people in WGSC5 = 8
4. Chairpersonship: WG5 chair based on random appointment from members of WG5 who are not on WGSC5. Chair of WG5 attends the WGSC5 meeting that precedes the meeting he/she is to chair and is also to be assisted by Chair of WGSC5 (who in turn rotates).
5. Past Chair: SS Ripinga
Next Chair: N. Mbononai (Intando Yesizwe)
6. WG5 has agreed to form two Sub-Groups:
WGSUB5(1) - Drafting
WGSUB5(2) - Time-frames
7. Rapporteurs have not been appointed.
8. The WGSC5 has received report of meeting between WGSC5 and DMC.

In the report-back, the DMC was described as being responsible for administrative process and procedure, and the WG5 for political process and progress.