



TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR WORKING GROUPS FOR CODESA

WORKING GROUP 2

1. **FIRST ASSIGNMENT**

General Constitutional Principles.

1.1 **Terms of Reference**

WHEREAS the parties at Codesa have committed themselves to the terms and objectives set out in the Declaration of Intent as amended from time to time

IT IS RECORDED that the Working Group on General Constitutional Principles shall have the following terms of reference:

- 1.1.1 To investigate and report upon all proposals and and make recommendations with regard to general constitutional principles which should be enshrined in and not contradicted by any other provisions of a new constitution, provided that the present and future participants of CODESA shall be entitled to put forward freely to this Working Group proposal or matter consistent with democracy for discussion, consideration and recommendation.
- 1.1.2 To identify the key issues and problems that need to be addressed.
- 1.1.3 To identify areas of commonality and aspects where agreement already exists between participating delegations.

2. **SECOND ASSIGNMENT**

Constitution-making body/process

2.1 **Terms of Reference**

WHEREAS the parties at Codesa have committed themselves to the terms and objectives set out in the Declaration of Intent to the establishment of a democratic South Africa, enjoying internal legitimacy and international acceptance

AND WHEREAS it has been agreed that a Working Group on the constitution-making body/process shall be appointed by Codesa in order to formulate proposals and make recommendations on the appropriate body/process to draft a new constitution for South Africa

IT IS RECORDED that the Working Group on a constitution-making body/process shall have the following terms of reference:

- 2.1.1 To investigate and report upon all proposals and make recommendations with regard to an appropriate constitution-making body/process
- 2.1.2 In respect of both the constitution/making process and body:
To identify the key issues and problems that need to be addressed.
- 2.1.3 To identify areas of commonality and aspects where agreement already exists between participating delegations.
- 2.1.4 In respect of a constitution-making process:

Specifically, but without vitiating the generality of the objective, to consider:

- (a) to make recommendations to Codesa regarding the process through which a new constitution may be formulated;
- (b) how far the process can be taken by Codesa itself;
- (c) at what stage a special constitution-making body, if any, should be constituted;
- (d) the role of referenda, if any, in the constitution-making process;
- (e) legislative and administrative steps that may be required to reinforce the constitution-making process;
- (f) the method of transferring constitutional authority to the new constitution and its structures at national, regional and local level;
- (g) any other matters which the working group may consider relevant to its brief.

2.1.5. In respect of a constitution-making body:

In the event of it being recommended that there be a special constitution-making body, then specifically, but without vitiating the generality of paragraph 2.1.1, is to be considered:

- (a) its composition
- (b) its legal status
- (c) its authority including limitations eg principles, procedures, etc that may have been agreed previously
- (d) its method of functioning
- (e) the status of its decisions
- (f) should it be an elected body, the appropriate electoral process
- (g) any other matter which the working group may consider relevant to its brief.