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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE DMC, THE SECRETARIAT AND THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF WORKING GROUP 5 HELD AT 13H00 ON 30 MARCH 1992 AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE.

PRESENT:

- GS Bartlett (WGSC 5)
- R Burrows (WGSC 5)
- Y Moolla (WGSC 5)
- L Mtshali (WGSC 5)
- D Mvelase (WGSC 5)
- R Ramontja (WGSC 5)
- Z Skweyiya (WGSC 5)

- PJ Gordhan (DMC Chairperson)

- FT Mdlalose (DMC)
- Z Titus (DMC)

- M Maharaj (Secretariat)

- G Hutchings (Minutes)

1. Chairpersons opening remarks

- 1.1 The members were welcomed.
- 1.2 The chair formally apologised to the members of WGSC 5 in respect of the meeting convened on Tuesday 24 March 1992 with all the other WGSC's, at which they were not present. The Secretariat explained that WG5 could not be contacted because they were not meeting on the 24th. It was noted that a circular apologising to WG 5 in this regard had been circulated.
- 1.3 It was noted that the meeting of 24 March 1992 was only a preliminary one which discussed the issue of co-ordination between WGs and that the minutes of the meeting serve as a record of the meeting. No decisions or agreements had been reached but recommendations had been formulated. This was also noted at the meeting of 24 March 1992.
- 1.4 It was noted that it was necessary to meet with WGSC 5 and continue the discussions. A further meeting between all WGSC's will be arranged.
- 1.5 Two issues would be discussed at this meeting:
 - * Co-ordination
 - * Question of drafting - Letter from Mr Burrows and Mr Curry was referred to. It was noted that a circular from the Secretariat had gone out in reply to this letter but that this matter needed to be explored further in order to create a better understanding.

- 1.6 Z Titus was introduced to meeting. He was appointed by the DMC to assist in constituting the Drafting Sub-Committee.

2. Co-ordination of WG's

- 2.1 It was noted that WG 5 has two sub-groups:

- * Sub-group 1 - Time frames and the implementation procedures
- * Sub-group 2 - Legislation, each of which has four task groups

- 2.2 All WGs need to be aware of an earlier MC decision in respect of the date of Codesa 2. It was noted that this is under review at the MC meeting of 30 March 1992 at 15h30

- 2.3 Point 3.3 of the minutes of 24 March 1992 was referred to. Before these recommendations are submitted to the DMC, a discussion on these recommendations with WGSC 5 was held.

- 2.4 The following recommendations were accepted by WGSC 5 to facilitate co-ordination between WG 5 and all other WGs:

- * WG 5 is to receive all minutes of all other WGs.
- * The DMC to attend WGSC/WG meetings as observers
- * Communication to other WGs, preferably via the Secretariat.
- * The task of WG 5 to attend the corresponding WG meetings as observers. The logistics of this need to be finalised and WG 5 is to brief the Secretariat in this regard so the appropriate arrangements can be made.
- * Periodic meetings between the WGSC's as and when necessary.
- * Periodic meetings between the DMC and the WGSC chairpersons.
- * A plenary session with the DMC and all the WGSC's.
- * An information circular between WG 5 to keep each WG informed of progress in other WGs.

- 2.5 DMC and Secretariat to establish some form of acknowledgement that communication received from WG 5 has been acted upon.

- 2.6 The chairpersons of the relevant WGs will be requested to note correspondence received from WG 5 as part of the proceedings.

2.7 WG 5's extreme frustration in respect of their work was noted.

3. Drafting Sub-committee

3.1 DMC and WGSC 5 agree on the need for a drafting sub-committee.

3.2 There is an overlap in responsibility in the area of drafting between the MC and WG 5.

3.3 It was noted that sub-group 2 of WG 5 has started mapping out a process for the drafting sub-committee. The process has three elements:

- * Policy Extraction
- * Drafting
- * Checking (to peruse documentation to see if they correctly reflect the agreements)

3.4 It was agreed by all that the process needs to be managed and that the parties that need to participate in this process are:

- * The participants of WG 5
- * The WG rapporteurs
- * Experts who will assist in giving expression to agreements arrived at

3.5 It was suggested that a meeting take place of 2 or 3 persons each from the DMC and WGSC 5, in order to recommend the structure which would be charged with the responsibility of drafting, ensuring that representatives from sub-group 2 of WG 5 are present. This was suggested as a practical way forward to give some expression to substantial common ground. It was requested that WGSC 5 communicate the names to the Secretariat to take the matter further as soon as possible.

4. Media leak

4.1 A document with an extract from the minutes of the meeting of 23 March 1992 of the plenary of WG 5 was leaked to the press.

4.2 It was noted that this document was from a set of minutes still to be ratified by WG 5. Therefore the press had obtained information that was an incorrect version of an uncorrected set of minutes.

4.3 WG 5 suggested that the DMC should obtain the corrected and ratified set of minutes and issue a corrective press statement, if necessary.

4.4 It was agreed that this issue should be discussed at DMC level.

5. General

5.1 Payment of experts:

WGSC 5 felt that this issue needed to be addressed and could form part of the mechanics of the drafting sub-committee. The DMC requested that WGSC 5 give guidance in this regard.

5.2 Marketing Codesa:

It was noted that WGSC 5 felt that this issue was of great importance. It was further noted that this is being discussed at the DMC level.

The meeting was closed at 14h40