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Multi-Party Negotiations are back on track!

This is the clear message arising out of the meeting of the Multi-Party Negotiating Forum which took place on the 1 April 1993. The fact that this meeting was able to complete the work on its agenda within one day instead of the two days scheduled reflected the seriousness of the participants.

The entire Patriotic Front also met on the 27 & 28 March 1993. This was the first meeting of the Front after its establishment in October 1991. This meeting assisted in consulting with most of the structures of the mass democratic movement and developing a common perspective on the way forward. Regrettably, the PAC and Azapo decided not to be a part of this meeting of the Front.

The Multi-Party Negotiating Forum

The ANC delegation was led and the Secretary General, Cyril Ramaphosa. He was supported by Jacob Zuma, Barbara Masekela, Thabo Mbeki, Mac Maharaj and Mavivi Manzini.

Issues

***Name** - The name of the Negotiating Forum was not agreed to. The preference of the ANC and the Patriotic Front is CODESA. It was agreed to defer this matter to a later meeting of the Negotiating Council.

***Structure** - (See: graphic at the end)

***Participants** - ANC, AVU, BOP GOVERNMENT, CAPE TRADITIONAL LEADERS, CISKEI, DP, DIKWANKWETLA, IFP, INYANDZA, INTANDO YESIZWE, CP, KWAZULU ADMINISTRATION, LP, NP, NPP, NIC/TIC, ORANGE FREE STATE TRADITIONAL LEADERS, PAC, SOLIDARITY, SA GOVERNMENT, SACP, TRANSKEI GOVERNMENT, TRANSVAAL TRADITIONAL LEADERS, UPF, VENDA, XIMOKO.

***Gender question** - It was agreed that each delegation had to include at least one woman in its delegation.

***Agenda** - There were three main items on the agenda:-

- Mechanisms and procedures including the name of the Forum, composition and structure, standing rules, and participation.
- Violence and its impact on the Negotiating Process.
- The transitional process including Codesa agreements and the accommodation of participants who were not in Codesa; phases of the transition process; the role of the international community; and the way forward.

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Resolutions

The following resolutions were unanimously agreed to:-

RESOLUTION ON THE TRANSITION PROCESS

1. We, the participants at the Negotiating Forum meeting at the World Trade Centre, Johannesburg on 1st and 2nd April, 1993,

having,

- 1.1 Received a report from the Negotiating Council on the CODESA reports and the transition process;
- 1.2 Identified some of the issues concerning constitutional matters which the Negotiating Council must consider.

2. Resolve to instruct the Negotiating Council to consider and report on all matters arising from the Consolidated Report, including the following and other Constitutional issues:

- * Form of State and Constitutional Principles
- * Constitution-Making Body/Constituent Assembly
- * Transitional/Interim Constitution
- * Transitional Regional/Local Government
- * Fundamental Human Rights during the Transition
- * Transitional Executive Council, its Sub-Councils, the Independent Elections Committee and the Independent Media Committee
- * Future of the TBVC States
- * Self-determination

3. The Negotiating Council shall present reports on progress made on the above issues to the Negotiating Forum.

RESOLUTION ON VIOLENCE

We, the participants at the Negotiating Forum meeting at the World Trade Centre on 1 And 2 April 1993:

NOTING with revulsion the unacceptable escalation of violence that is engulfing our country;

OUTRAGED at the killings particularly of women and children;

CONCERNED about the damage violence is inflicting on all aspects of the economy, on relations among people and organisations and the consequent deepening of divisions;

AWARE that violence poses a threat to the negotiating process which if it continues could wreck the process and plunge our country into an era of unprecedented conflict.

DO HEREBY UNEQUIVOCALLY

CONDEMN without reservation the wanton killing and maiming of the citizens of our country;

EXPRESS our sympathy and condolences to all those who are suffering in consequence;

COMMIT ourselves

to effective joint action by all of us leading to the eradication of violence and to the attainment of peace in our country as soon as possible;

To peaceful negotiations as the only way to resolve differences.

AND THEREFORE RESOLVE TO

1. Identify those issues that cause violence and which threaten the negotiating process and the undermining of the effective implementation of the National Peace Accord.
2. Mandate the Negotiating Council to establish what urgent steps and mechanisms are required to resolve the above issues as a matter of national priority. The Negotiating Council shall report to the next meeting of the Negotiating Forum.

The Patriotic Front Resolution - The Way Forward is Democracy!

A Patriotic Call from the second Patriotic Front Conference 27 - 28 March 1993

" We the representatives of political, business, educational, workers, student's, cultural, women's, youth, religious and other organisations assembled in this the Second Conference of the Patriotic Front now resolve as follows:

STEPS TO DEMOCRACY:

1. We reiterate our commitment to a Constituent Assembly elected on the basis of one-person, one-vote in a common voters' roll, to draft a new constitution, and that this Assembly will be bound only by broad constitutional principles.
2. To ensure free and fair elections, there should be set up structures with executive powers to level the political playing fields, including a Transitional Executive Council and its sub-structures, as well as Independent Electoral and Media Commissions.
3. After elections for a Constituent Assembly, should be set up representative interim organs of government at all levels.
4. The drafting and adoption of a new constitution will mark an important departure from the past, but it will not overnight eradicate the evils of apartheid. It will therefore be necessary to embark on a systematic programme of socio-economic reconstruction and the dismantling of apartheid state machineries, as well as efforts aimed at bringing about national unity and reconciliation. In so far as such measures entail limitations on majority rule in the executive, they should operate for the shortest possible duration, specifically not more than five (5) years after the Constituent Assembly elections. These measures should facilitate movement to full democratic majority rule.

VIOLENCE

1. This Conference is firm in its view that the most effective antidote to the violence is the speedy conclusion of negotiations, the setting up of multi-party executive structures and election of a government representative of all South Africans.
2. One of the major tasks of the transitional executive structures should be to bring all armed formations under joint control, as the necessary first step towards the creation of legitimate and peace-loving security forces representative of all the people of our country and serving their interests.
3. As part of the steps necessary to immediately address the problems of violence, the Conference resolves:
 - 3.1 to intensify efforts aimed at strengthening the National Peace Accord;
 - 3.2 to continually expose the double agenda of the National Party regime to negotiate on the one hand, while attempting to weaken and destroy anti-apartheid forces, on the other hand; and
 - 3.3 to campaign for an enhanced role for the international community both in efforts to eradicate violence and ensuring free and fair elections.
4. Patriotic Front forces assembled here also take it upon themselves to more vigorously work for the observance of the principles of peace and tolerance by their members; and in areas where PF forces are in charge of administration, to ensure that these principles are adhered to by all functionaries.
5. We reject the latest decision of the De Klerk regime to use draconian security measures ostensibly to deal with the violence. These measures, including the threats against the Transkei administration for its resolute position against apartheid, will only have the effect of further polarising society and undermining the peace process. The Patriotic Front is not in any doubt about who the main culprit in the violence is: the apartheid regime and its agents.

ELECTIONS

1. We call for the setting of the date for Constituent Assembly elections as a matter of urgency. This will help to focus the nation as a whole on this important phase of the transition in which the people will play a direct and central role. It will also inject the necessary urgency into the multi-party negotiations, and extricate the country from the current rudderless drift.
2. Patriotic Front forces approach the coming elections conscious of the fact that the essence of the contest is between democracy and apartheid. It is therefore crucial that all our energies should be directed at defeating representatives of apartheid, in whatever modified form they seek to project themselves.
3. The various organisations commit themselves to speedily finalise their positions on electoral strategy, and through bilateral and multilateral consultations, to emerge with an approach that will obviate the debilitating possibility of competing patriotic formations.
4. Noting that the majority of South Africans have all along been denied the right to vote, we resolve to, individually and collectively, undertake an extensive voter education campaign, especially in rural areas and among women.

CAMPAIGNS:

1. This PF Conference undertakes to intensify the campaign to expose and challenge corruption and mismanagement in both public and private sectors, at the same time as our organisations present viable alternatives to the present order of things.
2. We express our strong indignation at the government's insensitive and careless attitude to the plight of black students and the teaching fraternity and therefore resolve to support the campaign to rectify the situation. We shall engage in such programs mindful of the best immediate and long term interests of the students, teachers and society as a whole. In this regard, we call on the youth to redouble their efforts in pursuit of peace and democracy; and to prepare themselves for their rightful role in

the future democratic society.

3. The Conference resolves to take up the problem of the lack of free political activity in Bophuthatswana, KwaZulu, Ciskei and other areas both through negotiations and other forms of pressure, particularly on the De Klerk regime.
4. We express our deep concern that the regime has conducted negotiations on the appointment of the new SABC board with the intention of maintaining as much National Party control as possible of this public resource. Given that the term of office of the current board expires on March 31st, Patriotic Front forces join the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting in calling for decisive action if the independent mechanism for the appointment of the board has not been set up.
5. We express our solidarity with the democratically elected Angolan government and call on the international community to take further measures to help stop the war directed against the Angolan people.

STRUCTURES

1. Conference resolves to strengthen and expand liaison structures of the PF to coordinate joint activities and ensure better communication among the organisations.
2. Such liaison and coordination need to be strengthened especially at regional and local levels, and the necessary structures set up to facilitate this.
3. In setting up all the envisaged structures and in our conduct and formulation of policy both inside and outside negotiations, it is absolutely imperative to address seriously and deliberately the involvement of women at all levels of our society.

BROADENING UNITY

1. This PF Conference calls on those anti-apartheid forces not represented here to join in our efforts to ensure a purposeful and effective challenge to the forces of apartheid.
2. Conference therefore mandates the Liaison Committee to work out mechanisms to

engage all such forces.

We, the Patriotic Front forces emerge from this, our Second Conference, reinforced in our commitment to speed up the process leading up to the establishment of a democratic and just society. We are mindful that those who have all along benefitted from apartheid seek to preserve this system in a modified form and in the process to fudge the issues. The Patriotic Front hereby serves notice to those who seek to delay the process that our organisations and our people can no longer countenance this.

Our confidence in the future is an expression of the morality of our cause, the legitimacy of the people's aspirations, the popular resolve to effect fundamental change and the support our humane ideals enjoy among peoples of the world. United in our endeavors and committed to these patriotic ideals we are confident that South Africa's true interests, the true interests of all its people, will triumph sooner than later.

The Way Forward

The next Plenary meeting of the Multi-Party Negotiations Forum is scheduled for 22/23 April 1993. In the meantime, the Planning Committee will meet and report to the Negotiating Council in preparation for the Plenary session. Also, the ANC is scheduled to meet various parties bilaterally.

The issues that would require finalisation for the next Plenary session are:- the name of the forum, criteria for determining admission of the participants and the other issues identified in the resolution on the transition process.

Please also note that the next National Negotiations Consultative Forum has been scheduled for 16 April 1993.

Some notes on the Multi-Party negotiations structures.

1. The Plenary takes place at the level of the leaders of each party or organisation.
2. In the structures of the Plenary, Negotiating Forum and Negotiating Council all parties shall include at least one woman as a delegate.
3. The Plenary shall allow for 10 delegates per party or organisation.
4. The Negotiating Forum shall allow for 4 delegates and 2 advisers per party or organisation.
5. The Negotiating Council shall allow for 2 delegates and 2 advisers per party or organisation.
6. The Planning Committee is made up of 10 members who do not represent any political party organisation.
6. The Negotiating Council shall appoint various technical committees to deal with the question of drafting of various legislation. These technical committees shall report to the Council through the Planning Committee.
7. Each technical committee shall be made up of members who do not represent any party or organisation.

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MULTI-PARTY NEGOTIATIONS STRUCTURE



