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CODESA LOGO

The logo of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa symbolises the dawn of a new era in South Africa's history. This is represented by the rays of the rising sun against a bright yellow and red background. CODESA is written across the face of the logo in blue. The symbol of the rising sun is seen as neutral and acceptable to the diverse political groupings represented at CODESA.

The brief for the logo was given to the design company, Pentagram, by the CODESA Secretariat. In designing the logo, the following factors had to be taken into consideration:

- That South Africa is undergoing a process of change;
- That for the first time different parties and organisations, which had never co-operated before, are sitting down to negotiate a common future;
- That something new is being born out of the womb of the old;
- A bright future awaits the successful conclusion of the process;
- The majority of South Africans anxiously await the outcome of successful negotiations;
- The process is meant to be an inclusive one; and
- That the most preferred route for reaching decisions at CODESA is consensus.

This logo, therefore, symbolises hope, energy, light and life, all of which are necessary ingredients for the success of the future democratic and non racial South Africa which is envisaged.

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Preparations for the first meeting of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA) on 20 and 21 December 1991 are going full steam ahead.

A mammoth task is being performed behind the scene by an army of personnel, drawn from political parties and organizations involve (many as volunteers), the private sector and civil service.

This task is performed under the direction of a Steering Committee formed by the Preparatory meeting for CODESA and a special Secretariat appointed by them.

A temporary staff numbering in the order of 60 people (excluding the staff of the World Trade Centre, where the Convention will take place) are making arrangements to provide for approximately:

- * 240 Official delegates
- * 100 Advisers to delegates
- * 200 Support staff for delegations
- * 30 International observers with staff
- * 45 Heads of foreign missions
- * 160 CODESA staff
- * At least 200 media representatives.

Arrangements include travel, accommodation, security, protocol, transport, catering and office space.

Staff are working around the clock to prepare the World Trade Centre for the extensive needs of CODESA.

This includes the construction of a press gallery above the convention hall, installing a sound system and lighting suited for TV and seating facilities for delegates, their advisors and guests.

Dining rooms, restaurants, closed circuit TV, media interview rooms, a media centre with media conference facility and offices for delegations and their staff are amongst the facilities being put into place.

A special CODESA logo and a podium backdrop were designed and will be released to the media on Tuesday 17 December.

Regular media releases to report on the run up to CODESA I will start on Tuesday at 16:00 at the Convention centre.

The three task groups set up by the Steering Committee to facilitate arrangements will meet on Tuesday to get report backs from technical management committees. The Steering Committee meets on Wednesday to finalise arrangements and deal with possible outstanding matters.

Attached is an organogramme of the management structure for CODESA I.