

PROTOCOL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

13 DECEMBER 1991

* Committee has established small working group which meets every second day. There is a person responsible for each of:

- Communication with observers and the facilitation of bilateral meetings
- Airport arrivals and hotel arrangements
- Transport and liaison with security
- Conference centre arrangements for VIP's [Meeting VIP's at Convention Centre, and VIP rooms and facilities]
- Banquet

* The committee has all protocol issues under control, but requires clarification on the following issues:

1) Protocol services are being provided to the five international observer organisations, the Heads of accredited missions in South Africa, and what we have described as local dignataries. We are identifying the local dignataries as high-profile functionaries [ie. Chief Justice, Religious leaders, the chairmen], as well as the head of each participating delegation. If there are other individuals you feel should receive protocol treatment please inform us.

2) We are placing 2 protocol officers with each of the 5 international observer delegations. We would like to appoint these people from the organisations participating in the Protocol Sub-committee. If you feel that these officers should be appointed by yourselves, or any other body, please inform us. We need to make these appointments by Monday morning.

3) Can these 10 protocol officers also act as runners for the international observer delegations during the Conference?

4) We would like to suggest that the two co-chairmen of Codesa be asked to make themselves available to meet the Heads of the 5 international observer delegations at the airport, or that local dignataries be proposed to perform this role.

5) If any of the five international delegations require translators, can they bring them into the Conference area?

6) The ambassadors of the TBVC states have been invited to attend the Conference as observers, in addition to their participating delegations. The SACP and the ANC representatives on the Protocol committee would like clarification of this, and suggested action [ie. that the invitations are honoured or that it is suggested that the ambassadors do not attend the Conference.

7) The Protocol Committee would also like clarification as to why certain African countries [esp. Botswana and Namibia] have not been invited to the Conference. Is it because they do not have accredited embassies in SA or because they are represented by the OAU?

8) We require clarification on the status of the Zulu king, ie. whether he will be attending with a delegation of his own [as distinct from the IFP], or as an observer, or as part of the IFP delegation?

9) We require a recommendation from the Secretariat as to what flags and banners, if any, should be displayed at the entrance to the Convention Centre.