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PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS FOR A PROSPEROUS FUTURE

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Minister - Constitutional Development,
260 Walker Street,
PRETORIA

12th December 1991

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We look forward to your reply.

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Mr JSA Mavuso
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27 January 1992

Dear Mr Mavuso

In response to your enquiry regarding your organisation's involvement in the CODESA process, we advise that full participation is limited to political parties/organisations and administrations from South Africa and its self-governing territories, as well as to representatives of the administrations of the TBVC states (Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei).

Five Working Groups have been established as detailed below. With regard to interest groups not qualifying for full participation in CODESA, the CODESA Management Committee decided at its meeting on 10 January that "each Working Group shall determine ways and means by which women's groups and other interest groups which are not participants in CODESA may make submissions to that Working Group on matters relevant to its terms of reference."

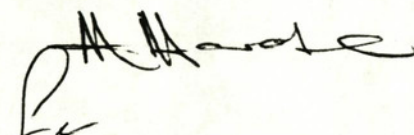
The manner in which Working Groups will receive submissions is still under consideration by the Working Groups. In the meantime, in order to facilitate any submissions which you may wish to make, we outline below the tasks assigned to each of the five Working Groups:

- * Working Group 1 Creation of a Climate for Free Political Participation
- * Working Group 2 General Constitutional Principles
- * Working Group 3 Transitional Arrangements / Interim Government/Transitional Authority
- * Working Group 4 Future of the TBVC States
- * Working Group 5 Time Frames and Implementation of CODESA's Decisions

The precise terms of reference of each of the above five Working Groups are available from our offices on request.

We thank you for your interest in the CODESA process and trust that this letter will assist you in determining whether or not your organisation would be interested in making submissions to any particular Working Group.

Yours faithfully



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POLICIES OF THE NATIONAL FORUM AS A POLITICAL ORGANISATION

1. The National Forum trust in God.
2. The National Forum believes in participatory politics and not politics of rejection and boycotts.
3. The National Forum believes in self assertive politics and not re-actionary politics.
4. The National Forum takes credit for having been the first liberatory movement to identify the need for the creation of a conducive political climate before meaningful constitutional negotiations can take place.
5. The National Forum is resolute in its commitment to Free Enterprise.
6. The National Forum believes in the equitable distribution of wealth and not the equal sharing of the country's wealth.
7. The National Forum believes in peaceful change in South Africa through negotiations and reject violence and or the armed struggle as a means to a just end.
8. The National Forum is committed to a multy party democratic system of Government as opposed to a one party system.
9. The National Forum believes in evolutionary change in South Africa as against a revolutionary change of the system of Government in South Africa.
10. The National Forum's Manifesto is futuristic in approach as it clearly projects a post apartheid South Africa and it is not reactionary in approach.
11. The National Forum does not kow'tow to any single particular ideology, but subscribe to consensus Politics.
12. The National Forum is non racial, non sectional and it is all inclusive.
13. The National Forum does not believe in politics of Nihilism ie: The destruction of what you have with the view to rebuild in future. It does not subscribe to Nongawuza Philosophies.
14. Finally the National Forum places emphasis on the sanctity of human life and declares that no human being is dispensable.
15. The National Forum believes in peaceful negotiations as it believes that its bargaining power lies in its numerical strength as 95% of the people in South Africa believe in peaceful change.