

SECO08.AES (2)

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS EMERGING FROM THE MEETING OF THE SECRETARIAT HELD AT 14H30 ON FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 1991 AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE

Present: Dr Z de Beer (Democratic Party)
Dr PMH Maduna (INM)
NJ Mahlangu (IYP)
R Meyer (RSA Government)
C Ramaphosa (ANC)

M Maharaj (ANC)
F van der Merwe (National Party)

A Symes (minutes only)

RECOMMENDATIONS EMERGING FROM THE MEETING WERE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Minutes of the meeting of 9 December 1991 were approved.
2. The intention of the Commonwealth to send 6 delegates to CODESA 1 was approved. The request to extend an invitation to a representative of the Commission of Europe was rejected.
3. Regarding briefing of the two chairpersons, CODESA management was authorised to proceed. It was authorised to proceed regarding the practicalities of assistance to the chairs also.
4. Proposals regarding travel, accommodation and use of four designated travel agencies were approved.
5. On the matter of requests for minutes, it was agreed that minutes of meetings be given only to invitees who were party to those meetings. Other invitees may obtain a copy of minutes from fellow party representatives present at the meeting.
6. The idea of a formal dinner on the night of 20 December 1991 was vetoed. Instead, it was agreed that a cocktail party be scheduled from 18h00 to 20h00 of that day.
7. Regarding applications from non-invited organisations to attend CODESA 1, it was decided that their attendance should not be allowed. However, the matter of their attending CODESA 2 will be referred to Task Group 3 on Tuesday 17 December 1991, so that the Task Group's recommendations might be given to the Steering Committee. NB: It was stressed that this matter has no bearing on issues already on the table for decision by the Steering Committee on Wednesday 18 December 1991 (eg, the delegation of the Zulu King, etc).

8. Regarding the availability of embargoed speeches by heads of delegations, it was decided that this should be a matter for individual decision by each political party.
9. It was decided that media briefings should not take place on 17, 18 & 19 December. Instead a daily fact sheet should be sent to the media, the information of these fact sheets having been approved by the convenors of the Media Sub-Committee and by the CODESA management.
10. The content of a media release for Friday 13 December was approved, with some minor typographical and phrasing corrections.
11. It was decided that the Agenda of CODESA 1 may only be released after the meeting of the Steering Committee on 18 December 1991.
12. It was decided that the TBVC states should be represented at CODESA 1 by their governments only. Thus, the governments should be requested not to send their ambassadors to the convention, even though invitations have been issued to them in error. CODESA management has authority to withdraw these invitations where necessary.
13. Regarding the deadlock which had been reached in the Security Sub-Committee meeting on 13 December 1991, it was decided that neither the Government nor the ANC/other parties proposal was wholly acceptable to the Secretariat. Thus, the Secretariat will give thought to new proposals for submission on Monday 16 December 1991.
14. The Secretariat will meet to finalise these proposals on Wednesday 18 December 1991 at 08h00, in preparation for the meeting of the Steering Committee at 09h00.
15. It was decided that no demonstrations shall be allowed within the precincts of CODESA and the World Trade Centre, and that applications to demonstrate (eg, the one received from Christians for Truth) should thus be rejected.
16. Regarding the administration of future CODESA events, it was decided that the matter should be referred to Task Group 3, so that the Group might give recommendations to the Steering Committee.
17. Regarding the floor plan of the convention, it was decided that a semi-circular seating plan, whereby all delegations may be represented at the front of the gathering by at least three leaders, should be accepted.

THE BUSINESS OF THE SECRETARIAT BEING CONCLUDED, THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 16H45.