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# MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF WORKING GROUP 2 HELD AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 1992 AT 10H00

## ADOPTED AT THE WORKING GROUP 2 MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 1992

#### **PRESENT** :

Delegates and Advisors (See Addendum A) T Delport (Chair) M Phillips (Secretary) R Hartley (Minutes)

#### **DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED :**

- 1. Ratified minutes of the first meeting of Working Group 2 held on 20 January 1992.
- 2. Draft minutes of the second meeting of Working Group 2 held on 6 February 1992.
- 3. Draft agenda.
- 4. Solidarity's Draft Constitutional Principles for a New South Africa.
- 5. Working Group 2 : General Constitutional Principles (Venda Government)
- 6. Inyandza National Movement Fundamental Constitutional Principles.
- 7. National People's Party of South Africa Constitutional Principles which will be Embodied in a New Constitution for the Republic of South Africa.
- 8. Ximoko Progressive Party Statement of Constitutional Principles and Tenets.
- 9. Intando Yesizwe Party's Constitutional Principles of the Envisaged New Democratic South Africa.
- 10. Working Group 2 : First Assignment General Constitutional Principles (DP).
- 11. General Constitutional Principles to be Enshrined in a New Constitution (Dikwankwetla).
- 12. Constitutional Rule in a Participatory Democracy (NP).
- 13. Constitutional Principles : Draft Proposal by NIC/TIC.
- 14. Position Paper of the South African Communist Party on the first assignment of the Terms of Reference of Working Group 2.
- 15. Working Group 2 : Provisional Areas of Commonality that Already Exist (Steering Committee Document).
- 16. Working Group 2 : Key Issues to be Addressed (Steering Committee Document).
- 17. Ciskei Government Constitutional Principles.

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#### **APOLOGIES** :

M M Makhalemele S G Mothibe

R Cronje

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S Cloete Adv Holomisa

F Cachalia

# **NEW ADVISOR :**

Prof Devenish replaces M Hendrickse as L P adviser.

## 1. Ratification of Agenda

1.1 The agenda as suggested by the Steering Committee was ratified.

Dikwankwetla

NIC/TIC

Bophuthatswana Government

(Alternate : I Findlay) Bophuthatswana Government

Transkei Government

(Alternate : T Scheepers) Ximoko Progressive Party

(Alternate : Prof Koyana)

(Alternate : N Haysom)

#### 2. Ratification of Minutes

- 2.1 The minutes were ratified with the following amendments :
  - 2.1.1 Page 1

2.1.1.1 The document "General Constitutional Principles which should be Enshrined in a New Constitution for the Republic of South Africa" was submitted by the SA Government and not the NP as stated.
2.1.1.2 Advocate Mushasha's name was incorrectly spelled under APOLOGIES.
2.1.1.3 Advocate J S Maake was present.
2.1.2 Page 3
2.1.2.1 Item 2.6.3 was amended to read "No oral evidence will be heard by the Working Group unless the Working Group agrees to hear

2.1.2.2 Item 2.6.4 was amended to read "Working Group delegates should be supplied with all media releases by Codesa".

such evidence".

2.1.2.3 The second sentence of Item 4.2 was amended to read : "The following agenda item was proposed by the South African Government, seconded by the ANC..."

# 3. Submissions by Delegates

- 3.1 The following parties read from written submissions to the Working Group :
  - 3.1.1 The Venda Government
  - 3.1.2 The Ciskei Government
  - 3.1.3 Natal and Transvaal Indian Congress
  - 3.1.4 Invandza National Movement
  - 3.1.5 Democratic Party
  - 3.1.6 Ximoko Progressive Party
  - 3.1.7 Dikwankwetla Party
  - 3.1.8 Solidarity
  - 3.1.9 National People's Party
  - 3.1.10 Intando Yesizwe
  - 3.1.11 South African Communist Party
- 3.2 The Labour Party will make a written submission to the next Working Group meeting.

#### 4. Adjournment

- 4.1 The Working Group adjourned while the Steering Committee drew up two documents :
  - 4.1.1 Provisional Areas of Commonality that Already Exist

4.1.2 Key Issues to be Addressed

# 5. Steering Committee Proposals

- 5.1 The Working Group agreed that both Steering Committee documents were interim proposals which will be subject to amendment and additions in the course of the Working Group's work.
- 5.2 The Working Group agreed that the document "Provisional Areas of Commonality that Already Exist" will be tabled for comment at the next Working Group meeting.
- 5.3 The Working Group agreed that the issues outlined by the Steering Committee in the document "Key Issues to be Addressed" will begin to be discussed at the next meeting.

5.4 The Working Group noted and accepted the Steering Committee's recommendation that the debate on the question of what criteria should be used to determine what constitutes a "constitutional principle", should be postponed until such time as the Working Group starts formulating principles.

#### 5.5 Additional Items for Discussion in Future

- 5.5.1 The SA Government suggested the following item be added to the Key Issues to be Addressed document :
  - 5.5.1.1 The nature and scope of a charter of fundamental rights.
- 5.5.2 The Labour Party suggested that the following items be added to the Key Issues to be Addresses document :
  - 5.5.2.1 Second generation rights.
  - 5.5.2.2 The role of referenda in the constitution making process.
- 5.5.3 It was agreed that the Steering Committee would consider placing Assignment 2 on the agenda after consultation with the Steering Committee of Working Group 3.
- 5.5.4 It was agreed that the Steering Committee would consider suggestions made to it by delegates regarding additional to the Key Issues to be Addressed document.

#### 6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 It was agreed that all Working Group documents shall be dated in future.
- 6.2 It was agreed that a process for dealing with submissions from the public will be discussed at the next Working Group meeting.
- 6.3 It was agreed that the Steering Committee will consider making the Key Issues to be Addressed document public once additional have been made to it for the purpose of assisting members of the public in making submissions.
- 6.4 The chair was thanked for his skilful handling of the meeting.

# 7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held from 10h00 to 15h00 on Monday, 17 February 1992 at the World Trade Centre.

#### 8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 14h30.

ADDENDUM A

The following delegates and advisers signed the Attendance Register of Working Group 2 meeting held on 11 February 1992:

Delegate/Adviser C Ramaphosa M V Moosa F Ginwala A Sachs T E Scheepers I Findlay M C Kashe I J Smuts J Labuschagne **V R Zietsmann** C W Eglin **D** Worrall A J Leon **D** Welsh S O M Moji S Mopeli M Mopeli Prof Blaustein S H Gumede M Alachouzos **B** S Ngubane S J Mgidi A P Laka I T Mahlangu E N Ginindza C Albertyn I Lephoko **B E Mabuza** I M Richards D Lockey **G** Devenish C Nasson Z M Yacoob I C Meer F Haysom F van Heerden J A Rabie S Camerer I Rautenbach M Mohanlall S Ismail **B** Singh H Neerahoo

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# DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF WORKING GROUP TWO (CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES) : MEETING 4 ON 17 FEBRUARY 1992 AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE AT 10H00

1. Attendance Register

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2. Ratification of Agenda

# 3. a Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting 6). N. P. Molecul

- 4. Discussion of Steering Committee Documents :
  - 4.1 Provisional Areas of Commonality that Already Exist
  - 4.2 Key Issues to be Addressed
- 5. Handling of Submissions by Public

#### 6. Discussion of Key Issues

- 6.1 The Balance Bteween Central, Regional and Local Government
- 6.2 Other Key Issues
- 7. AOB