

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CODESA
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 1991 AT 09H00 AT THE WORLD TRADE
CENTRE

1. Present

Z. Titus	Transkei Government
N.J. Mahlangu	Intando Yesizwe Party IYP
S. Makhuvha	Venda Government
E.P.P Mhinha	Zimoko Progressive Party
Dr H. J. S Kayser	Ciskei Government
C.W. Eglin	Democratic Party
G. Viljoen	SA Government
R. Cronje	Bophuthatwana Government
A. Rajbansi	National People's Party
P. A. C. Hendrikse	Labour Party
WS Felgate	IFP
MC Ramaphosa	ANC
PMH Maduna	INM
I. Omar	Solidarity
S. Mafumadi	SACP
R. Meyer	NP
Z de Beer	Chairperson
P Gordhan	NIC/TIC
MJ Mahlangu	UPF
TJ Mohapi	Dikwankwetta Party

T Eloff	Secretariat
T Shott	(Minutes only)

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was noted that there is an error in the previous minutes of the Steering Committee in 4.1 as follows: Security Sub-Committee convenors are V Ntsubane (Transkei) and Major General Nembambula (Venda) and not J Scheepers (Government).

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

These were dealt with under the headings below.

4. Reports from the Task Groups

4.1 Task Group 1 - Organisation and Planning. The Report was agreed with the following amendments:

4.1.1 Seating arrangements: it was agreed that seating arrangements would be as at the end of the Preparatory Meeting. The Chair should be seated in a neutral position which ensures a clear view of all delegates.

4.1.2 Seating time: It was agreed that participants should be seated by 09h30 for 10h00 start with a photocall at 09h45. This should be communicated through the media and faxes to delegates.

4.1.3 The diagram outlining the Post-Codesa structure was agreed with the following changes: Codesa Steering Committee would be called 'Management Committee', the Secretariat would be called 'Dag Bestuur/Daily Management'.

4.2 Task Group 2 - Drafting

4.2.1 The meeting agreed 'Rules of Procedure for Plenary Sessions' (appendix 3 of report) with the following amendments:

Amend 1. (1) to read as follows: 'Participants in the Convention shall be the political parties, organisations, the South African Government, and other administrations listed in the Annexure hereto.'

Substitute the heading 'Adoption of Resolutions' with 'Agreement'.

Amend 3. (2) as follows: After the words 'consensus' add the words 'or failing that by sufficient consensus'.

It was agreed that the Steering Committee in its new capacity as Management Committee would examine rules for meetings of other committees and working groups.

Amend 6. (1) as follows: The last sentence should read 'The Steering Committee shall provide assistance to the Chair in the performance of the Chair's functions as and when necessary'.

7. (4) Replace with 'A participant may request the Secretariat to circulate documents to other participants'.

Replace the heading 'Access of Media and Public'

with 'Access of Media'.

4.2.2 After considerable discussion the chair ruled that there was sufficient consensus to adopt the draft 'Declaration of Intent' (Appendix 5A of the report) with the following amendments:

Insert heading 'Declaration of Intent'

Replace the introductory paragraph with 'We, the duly authorised representatives of political parties, political organisations, administrations and the South African Government, coming together at this first meeting of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa, mindful of the awesome responsibility that rests upon us at this moment in the history of our country,'

End of para 1. delete the words 'to secure the advancement of all'

After the word 'ensure' in para 5. add: 'inter alia:'

At the end of para 5. f. delete to the end of document and replace with the following:

'We Agree:

1. that the present and future participants shall be entitled to put forward freely to the Convention any proposal consistent with democracy.

2. that Codesa will establish a mechanism whose task it will be, in co-operation with administrations and the South African government, to draft the texts of all legislation required to give effect to the agreements reached in Codesa.

We, the representatives of political parties, political organisations and administrations, further solemnly commit ourselves to be bound by the agreements of Codesa and in good faith to take all such steps as are within our power and authority to realise their implementation'

Space for all delegations to sign (except the South African Government) will be headed 'signature' and 'representing'

A separate section for the signature of the South African government will be preceded by:

'We, the South African Government declare ourselves to be bound by agreements we reach together with other participants in Codesa in accordance with the standing rules and hereby commit ourselves to the implementation thereof within our capacity, power and authority.'

4.3 Task group 3 - Process

4.3.1 - 4.3.6 of the agenda were referred back to the Secretariat.

4.3.7 Draft Agenda: Agreed to accept the changes made by the meeting of the Secretariat on 18/12.

4.3.8 Working groups:

The report from the 5 working groups were agreed with amendments. The meeting agreed that working groups should report to the plenary session of Codesa through the management Committee.

Outstanding Issues: Agreed that managing Secretariat should take responsibility for convening the next meeting of the new management committee on around the 13 January.

5. Report from sub-committees

5.1 Media - report agreed

5.2 Protocol - agreed report with amendments

5.2.2 Agreed that Namibia, Zambia and Botswana should be allowed to send a representative from their countries due to the fact that they did not have representatives of relevant status in South Africa.

6. Report from the Secretariat: not tabled

7. Specific Issues:

7.1 Request for the Zulu King to attend with a full delegation: A request was made by Mr Felgate of IFP and an alternative put forward by the ANC, but no agreement was reached. It was agreed that this issue should be further discussed post Codesa 1.

DRAFT AGENDA OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CODESA TO BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 1991 AT 09H00 AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE

1. Present
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Matters arising have been included in the rest of the agenda and the Task Groups and Sub-Committee Reports
4. Reports from Task Groups
 - 4.1. Organisation & Planning
 - 4.2. Drafting
 - 4.3. Process
 - Other organisations
 - Future administration
 - Agenda
5. Reports from Sub-Committees
 - 5.1. Media
 - 5.2. Protocol
 - 5.3. Security
6. Report from the Secretariat (?)
7. Specific Issues
 - 7.1. The Zulu King and COSATU