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RESOLUTIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE WTC ON MONDAY 23rd MARCH 1992

PRESENT:

M. Shaik
N. Pretorius
J. Venter
V. Ntsubane (chair)
M. Morobe
R. Mampane

1. Reports:

1.i. Security Personnel:

Venter reported that the change-over of security personnel will occur at the end of the month as usual; the new group of volunteers will begin work on 1/4/92.

1.ii. Relations with WTC Management:

The Co-commanders reported a successful meeting with the WTC management on whereat apologies for inconvenience, misunderstandings, etc. were mutually given. The WTC management also withdrew their letters to CODESA management, to which this committee had taken exception. Relations are now reported to be amicable; problems which have arisen since then have been smoothly resolved verbally. Mr Fouche is, therefore, no longer required as a co-opted member on this committee. Moreover, it is no longer necessary to bring this matter before the DMC.

2. Issue of Weapons to Personnel:

The following letter to the DMC was approved; it will be tabled as soon as convenient to the DMC:

The Chairperson
Daily Management Committee
CODESA
World Trade Centre
Jet Park

10 March 1992

Dear Sir

NOTIFICATION OF ARRANGEMENT FOR PROVISION OF FIREARMS AND TRAINING TO CODESA SECURITY PERSONNEL

You will recall that in December 1991 representatives of the South African Police on the Political Security Committee agreed to make arms and training available to the combined CODESA security core.

We wish you to be advised that, regrettably, this agreement has not come into being. Colonel Venter of the SAP reports

that the Commissioner of Police and Minister of Law and Order are unwilling to make arms available because of the question of where liability would fall in the event of any mishap.

This leaves us with no option but to request those personnel who are in possession of licensed weapons to bring them into service. This situation is unsatisfactory both because of the dangers posed by a lack of centralized control and because it perpetuates existing inequalities within the personnel as the SAP representatives obviously have easier access to arms than members of political organizations.

We look forward to your urgent consideration of this matter.

Yours faithfully

P.J. Nembambula
Co-convenor

V. Ntsubane
Co-convenor

3. Future Meetings:
It was agreed that this committee should continue to meet (briefly) on a weekly basis, especially given the imminence of CODESA II. The following dates were set:

Tuesday 31/3/92	14h00
Tuesday 7/4/92	16h30
Monday 13/4/92	14h00
Tuesday 21/4/92	16h30
Tuesday 28/4/92	16h30

It was noted that Elaine Cosser will no longer be taking minutes owing to her imminent confinement; Janet Love will organize a replacement.

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RESOLUTIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE WTC ON MONDAY 9th MARCH 1992

PRESENT:

M. Shaik
N. Pretorius
J. Venter
V. Ntsubane (chair)
M. Morobe
J. van den Bergh

D. du Plooy (CODESA Finance)
A. Fouche (WTC Management)
J. Jurgens (WTC Management)

1. Opening:
After the opening of the meeting by the chair, it was suggested that initial matters for discussion did not concern Messrs Fouche and Jurgens. Hence the gentlemen left the meeting on the understanding that they would return when called to discuss matters concerning the management of the venue.
2. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting on 25/2/92:

2.i. Acquisition of Firearms for Security Personnel:
Venter reported that the request for the SAP to provide arms and training had been referred to the Commissioner of Police and also to the Minister of Law and Order. Their decision was to decline the request because of a concern as to where liability would lie should any claims be made against the mis-use of the issued weapons.

Members noted their regret and concern over this refusal, especially given the initial undertaking last year by members of the SAP in the Political Security Committee to supply the said weapons.

After lengthy discussion, it was decided that Venter should again present the committee's case to the commissioner. Moreover, a memorandum shall be drafted by the minute-taker outlining the history of the issue (based on minutes of security committee meetings) and the two options facing the committee, namely, that either the SAP supply arms and training or individuals within the CODESA security personnel who are licensed to carry weapons will bring them with them into service. The latter option, it will be made clear, is not preferred because of the inequalities it will perpetuate: the disparity between the number of persons within the SAP in the personnel as against other parties who are able to carry weapons will continue. The question of liability and control remain concerns under this 'non-centralized' option.

2.ii. Transport for Security Personnel:

A dedicated vehicle is not available, however, after discussions with CODESA management no further complaints have been made by the personnel and the system of drivers for the vehicles is working well. Vehicles are available on call 24 hours a day (cf. concern over an emergency situation).

3. Reports:

3.i. Operations.

Venter noted that the change-over to the second group of security personnel had proceeded smoothly on 4/3/92. The new group is reported to be working well.

3.ii. Relations with WTC Management.

Concerns expressed by personnel and Co-commanders, on the basis of an ad hoc meeting held on 3/3/92, had been formulated into a letter and memorandum to the Daily Management Committee by the minute-taker. These documents were tabled. The secretariat had advised that these not be tabled at today's DMC meeting as they required further discussion and consideration. Hence a meeting of Messrs Venter, Mampane, Du Plooy, Morobe, and Swart (WTC Manager) is scheduled for today at 18h00.

Members and the observer variously noted concerns around attempts to communicate with the WTC management and the lack of communication. Members resolved to note that a culture of respect for the personnel by all should be strongly encouraged.

4. Future Meetings:

In view of changes to working group schedules it was decided to cancel the meeting planned for 17/3/92 and change the time of the meeting of 23/2/92 to 11h30.