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## CODESA WORKING GROUP 2

#### PROPOSAL TO STEERING COMMITTEE

That the Steering Committee recommends to the Working Group as follows:

#### A FIRST ASSIGNMENT

- 1. That participants and the public at large be invited to submit written proposals and submissions to the Working Group on the principles which should be embodied in a future constitution, with special reference to the themes mentioned below;
- 2. that the following themes serve as a framework for the discussion of constitutional principles:
  - (a) the principle of self-determination and the extent to and way in which the principle may find application in the South African situation;
  - (b) the distribution of governmental power between first, second and third tier government and the division of power between the legislative, executive and judicial authorities;

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- (c) the preferable nature of democracy in a new constitution with reference to systems based on simple majoritarianism and systems allowing meaningful inclusion of political minorities;
- (d) the constitutional relationship between *State* and *Citizen* with special reference to
  - (i) civil, economic, religious and cultural rights and the role of a Bill of rights
  - (ii) the limitation of state intervention in non-political interests
  - (iii) the role of the Courts and the application of the Rule of Law.
- 3. (a) That four sub-groups be formed to discuss the above themes and report back to the Steering Committee which submits a consolidated report to the Working Group;
  - (b) that each delegation nominate one person to serve on a sub-group;
  - (c) that the report of the Steering Committee (as referred to in (a)be structured in such a way above that criteria be elucidated which could be used to evaluate proposals submitted by the public;
- 4, that the following initial programme of work be followed:

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6 February 10:00 - 16:00 - Working Group to discuss recommendation of Steering Committee

11 February 10:00 - 16:00- Sub-groups meet

17 February 10:00 - 17:00- Sub-groups meet

24 February 10:00 - 17:00- Progress reports to Working Group

29 February - Final date for submissions and proposals from public.

#### B SECOND ASSIGNMENT

- That participants and the public at large be invited to submit written proposals and submissions on the constitution making body/process,
- that the matter be considered further after the closing date for submissions and proposals and
- 3. that 29 February be set down as the final date for submissions and proposals.