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**RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - TASK GROUP 3 HELD ON 17.12.91
AT 09H00 AT WORLD TRADE CENTRE**

Tabled: **Minutes of the Steering Committee**
 Minutes of Task Group 3
 Working documents for Terms of Reference for Working Groups 1 - 5
 Agenda

Points of Clarification

Only the delegate or a substitute may participate on behalf of his organisation or party (proxies are not acceptable, insofar as one organisation may not represent any other).
Minutes were accepted and adopted/

Resolutions:

Working groups of Codesa

Identification of Working Groups
These were finalized at the previous meeting.

Assignment of Working Groups
A sub-committee was appointed to peruse the documentation tabled by all parties to collate and synthesize the recommendations. (These are presented separately).

The Sub-committee:

Mr Coetsee - SA Government
Mr Omar - ANC
Mr Andrew - DP
Mr Mothibe - Bophuthatswana Government
were appointed to peruse the documents

Terms of Reference

To seek points of commonality
To define terms of reference as neutral as possible
To identify and list the specific items to be included for discussion
(Neutrality means to open the scope as wide as possible within the agenda of the item).

Functioning of Working Groups

Completed in previous meeting.

Chairperson(s)

Codesa Chairperson

It was resolved that the two chairpersons Judges Mahomed and Schabort to be prevailed upon to be chairpersons for Codesa.

Steering Committee Chairperson

The Chairperson must come from within Codesa, the choice left to the Steering Committee's discretion (Task Group 3 was not against a panel being selected).

There was no objection to the appointment of joint chairpersons.

No party should feel that they are being excluded.

Working Group Chairpersons

Same principles as above.

The group was not against a rotating Chairperson.

(It was recommended that the Steering Committee should keep in mind administrative needs of each group)

Task Group 3 recommends that the Codesa Management Committee keep Codesa chairpersons informed of the deliberations of Working Groups and Codesa Management Committee.

Way Forward

It was agreed that post Codesa 1 the Steering Committee should become a management committee and that an executive (secretariat) be formed for the day-to-day running of the Codesa Management Committee.

Invitations to Non-Invited Organisations subsequent to Codesa 1.

It was agreed that this issue could not be finalized and it was to be dealt with by the Codesa Management committee.

That the formula used in inviting guests for Codesa 1 i.e. political parties and organisations, be recommended as the criteria for attending future Codesa plenary sessions.

Codesa Agenda

It was agreed that the first day of Codesa 1 be opening addresses and that the working agenda to begin on the Saturday and to be completed irrespective of the time it takes.

Working Groups

It was recommended that working groups begin their deliberations towards the end of January to allow participant's preparation time.

Finance and Funding

It was recommended that finance should be available before the working groups commence deliberation with guidelines as to access to funding being given to all parties prior to working group deliberations.

Names of Participants to Working Groups should be submitted prior to the end of December 1991 to administration.

Venue

It was recommended that the venue should be in the Witwatersrand area and that neutral venues would be selected taking into account financial constraints.

Mediation and Facilitation

It was resolved that this item was not urgent and would be considered at a later stage.