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MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF WORKING GROUP 2 (CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES) HELD AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE ON MONDAY 24 AND TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 1992

PRESENT:

Delegates and Advisors (See Addendum A) J Slovo (Chair) M Phillips (Secretary) R Hartley (Minutes)

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED ON 24.2.92:

- 1. Draft agenda
- 2. 24.2.92: Draft document on common principles regarding the balance between central, regional and local government prepared by the Steering Committee of Working Group 2
- 3. Ratified minutes of the third meeting of Working Group 2 held on 11.2.92
- 4. Draft minutes of the fourth meeting of Working Group 2 held on 17.2.92
- 5. Delegate factsheet No 1
- 6. Solidarity Party: Working Group 2 Constitutional principles
- 7. Codesa Working Group 2: Key issues to be addressed (Venda Government)
- 8. The balance between central, regional and local government (Venda Government)
- 9. Inyandza National Movement: Proposals for central, regional and local government
- 10. National Peoples Party: Position paper on the balance of power between central, regional and local government
- 11. United People's Front proposals on the balance of power between central, regional and local government
- 12. Reservations recorded and tabled by the government of Bophuthatswana regarding its participation in Codesa
- 13. ANC Working Group 2: What is meant by general principles

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DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED ON 25.2.92

- 14. Dikwankwetla Party: The balance between central, regional and local government
- 15. 25.2.92 Draft document on common principles regarding the balance between central, regional and local government prepared by the Steering Committee of Working Group 2
- 16. National Party submission to Working Group 2, 25.2.92: The meaningful participation of political minorities.
- 17. Ximoko Progressive Party, 25.2.92: The meaningful participation of political minorities

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(Alternate: TE Scheepers)
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Democratic Party
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2. Ratification of Agenda

- 2.1 The agenda was ratified with the following addition:
 - 2.1.1 Item 2A: Bophutatswana Government Information Item.

2A. Bophuthatswana Government Information Item

2A.1 The Bophuthatswana Government read a document entitled "Reservations recorded and tabled by the Government of Bophuthatswana regarding its participation in Codesa". The document was noted and not discussed.

3. Adoption of Minutes

- 3.1 The minutes were ratified with the following change:
 - 3.1.1 The last line of item 6.1.3.1.3 was amended to read: "each shall be set out and enshrined in the constitution".

4. Key Issues to be Addressed

- 4.1 The Balance Between Central, Regional and Local Government
 - 4.1.1 The following parties spoke to written submissions:
 - 4.1.1.1 United People's Front
 - 4.1.1.2 Solidarity Party
 - 4.1.1.3 National People's Party
 - 4.1.1.4 Invandza National Movement
 - 4.1.1.5 Venda Government

4.1.2 Steering Committee Proposal

- 4.1.2.1 Mr Eglin spoke to the document entitled "Draft document on common principles regarding the balance between central, regional and local government" on behalf of the Steering Committee.
 - 4.1.2.1.1 The document was amended at the suggestion of Mr Eglin as follows:
 - 4.1.2.1.1.1 Item 2: At each level there shall be democratic representation.
 - 4.1.2.1.1.2 Item 5 (new item): The general principles of the constitution, including the terms of the Bill/Charter of Fundamental Rights shall apply to each level of government.

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- 4.1.2.1.2 Paragraphs 1,2 and 5 were agreed without changes.
- 4.1.2.1.3 Paragraph 4 was agreed after being amended to read: "In addition to the powers, duties and functions entrenched in the constitution, each level of government may delegate powers, duties and functions to the lower level of government."
- 4.1.2.1.3 It was agreed that the Steering Committee would propose a suitable amendment to paragraph 3 to the meeting of the Working Group scheduled for Monday 2 March 1992.
- 4.1.2.1.4 The Inkatha Freedom Party proposed the addition of the following clause: "The relationship of regional to local government should also take cogniscence of the special form of local government in terms of traditional territorial authorities". It was agreed that this would be discussed under item 4.6 on the agenda.

4.2 Meaningful Participation of Political Minorities

- 4.1 The following parties made submissions:
 - 4.1.1 National Party (written and oral)
 - 4.1.2 Intando Yesizwe Party
 - 4.1.3 Ximoko Progressive Party (written and oral)
 - 4.1.4 TIC/NIC
 - 4.1.5 Inyandza National Movement
 - 4.1.6 Democratic Party
- 4.2 It was agreed that the Steering Committee would consider drafting a principle on this issue for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 2.3.92 from 10h00 to 16h30 at the World Trade Centre.

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ADDENDUM A

The following delegates and advisors signed the Attendance Register of Working Group 2 meeting held on 24 February 1992:

Organisation

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African National Congress

Bophutatswana Government

Ciskei Government

Democratic Party

Dikwankwetla Party

Inkatha Freedom Party

Intando Yesizwe Party

Labour Party

Natal/Transvaal Indian Congresses

Delegate/Advisor

C Ramaphosa MV Moosa F Grinwala A Sachs

SG Mothibe R Cronje TE Scheepers I Findlay

MC Kashe IJ Smuts J Laubuschagne VR Zietsman

CW Eglin AJ Leon D Welsh

SOM Moji S Mopeli M Mopeli

N Brits SH Gumede BS Ngubane

EN Ginindza C Albertyn I Lephoko BE Mabuza

IM Richards G Devenish C Nasson

T Pillay F Cachalia IC Meer F Haysom

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National Party

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National People's Party

Solidarity Party

SA Communist Party

SA Government

Transkei Government

United People's Front

Venda Government

Ximoko Progressive Party

F van Heerden JA Rabie S Camerer I Rautenbach

M Mohanlall S Ismail B Singh

DS Rajah K Reddy R Arenstein

J Slovo B Nzimande N Hoosain E Daniels

G Viljoen JT Delport F Venter JHE Basson

S Holomisa PZ Ndamase DS Koyana R Nogumla

MJ Mahlangu MC Ramusi SJ Maake RJ Dombo

GM Legege MP Nthabalala A Budeli Adv Mushasha

EE Ngobeni KR Myakayaka J Ackron EPP Mhinga

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ADDENDUM A

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