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PROPOSED AGENDA FOR CODESA

20 - 21 December 1991

DAY 1: Commencement at 14h00

A. Formalities

1. Opening by Judge Corbert, C.J.
2. Prayers
3. Handing over to Co-Chairpersons - Mohamed, J  
and Scharbot, J
4. Confirmation Agenda and Standing Rules
5. Report of Steering Committee

B. Addresses

Inputs by parties on agenda items (20 minutes  
each)

(Provision for tea and dinner)

DAY 2: Commencement at 9h00

1. Continuation of first day's session
2. Discussion and adoption of "Declaration of  
Intent" followed by ceremonial signing.
3. Working Groups:  
    constituting Working Groups  
    terms of reference  
    adoption of document on their setting up
4. The Way Forward
5. Press Conference

(Provision for tea and lunch)

### DECISION MAKING MECHANISM

1. Agreement will be arrived at by consensus.
2. Where no consensus exists, agreement will be arrived at by sufficient consensus. Dissenting parties shall have the right to record their objections.
3. Sufficient consensus shall exist when the degree of agreement on a proposal is of such a nature that the work of CODESA will be able to move forward effectively.
4. Where disagreement exists, the chair will allow parties adequate time to consult amongst each other and with their principals.

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We, the representatives of political parties, political movements and administrations coming together at this first meeting of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa mindful of the awesome responsibility that rests on us at this movement in the history of our country, declare our solemn commitment:

1. to bring about an undivided South Africa with one nation sharing a common citizenship, patriotism and loyalty, pursuing amidst our diversity, freedom, equality and security for all irrespective of race, colour, sex or creed; a country free from apartheid or any other form of discrimination or domination. *to secure the advancement of all*
2. to work to heal the divisions of the past, and to establish a free and open society based on democratic values where the dignity, worth and rights of every South African are protected by law.
3. to create a climate conducive to peaceful constitutional change by eliminating violence, intimidation and destabilisation and by promoting free political participation, discussion and debate.
4. to strive to improve the quality of life of our people through policies that will promote economic growth and human development and ensure equal opportunities and social justice for all South Africans.
5. to set in motion the process of drawing up and establishing a constitution that will ensure:
  - a. that South Africa will be a united democratic, non-racial and non-sexist state in which sovereign authority is exercised over the whole of its territory.
  - b. that the Constitution will be the supreme law and that it will be guarded over by an independent, non-racial and impartial judiciary.
  - c. that there will be a multi-party democracy with the right to form and join political parties and with regular elections on the basis of universal adult suffrage on a common voters roll.
  - d. that all shall enjoy universally accepted human rights, freedoms and civil liberties including freedom of religion, speech and assembly protected by an entrenched and justiciable Bill of Rights and a legal system that guarantees equality of all before the law.

- e. the Constitution shall acknowledge the diversity of languages, cultures and religions of the people of South Africa.
- f. that in general the basic electoral system shall be that of proportional representation.
- g. that there shall be a separation of powers between the legislature, executive and judiciary with appropriate checks and balances.

We further solemnly commit ourselves to be bound by the decisions of CODESA and in good faith to take all such steps as are within our power and authority to realise their implementation.

Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika. Morena boloka sechaba sa heso.  
Ons vir jou Suid Afrika. May the Lord bless our country.  
Mudzimu Bhatutsheza Afrika. Hosi katekisa Afrika.

① I think we should put  
in something on advancement  
[see over]

②

Are we dropping

"one person one vote"?

We can say this is  
the only open point  
and get the views of  
the Task Group.

③ All in all, it's pretty  
good?

~~④ For report preparation~~

We agreed to  
the cultural  
diversity bit.