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MINUTES OF THE DMC MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 1992 AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE

PRESENT: PJ Gordhan (Chairperson)
Z J de Beer
FT Mdlalose
P Hendrickse
R Meyer
SS Ripinga
Z Titus
J Zuma

SS van der Merwe (Secretariat)
J Love (Administration)
T Eloff (Secretary, minutes)

1. **Welcome and apologies**

An apology for Mr M Maharaj (Secretariat) was noted.

2. **Adoption of agenda**

The Chairperson indicated that the agenda received at the meeting was different from the one that was faxed, because of developments since Thursday 13 February and the meeting between the secretariat and members of the WGSC's on Monday 17 February 1992. It was pointed out that additional items could be put on the agenda. The agenda was adopted.

3. **Ratification of the minutes of the meeting of 6 February 1992**

The minutes were ratified, subject to the following changes:

3.1 Item 3.4 on p2 reads as follows:

"...issues pertaining to **administrative** process and procedure should be addressed by the DMC and issues pertaining to **political process** and content should remain the responsibility of WG5" (amendments in bold).

3.2 The word "Group" was added at the end of item 4.1.4.2.

3.3 The word "above" was deleted at the top of p4.

With regard to item 12.1 (the request of the Wits Metropolitan Chamber), it was reported that a meeting between members of the Chamber and the Secretariat was being arranged, but that Dr Van Zyl Slabbert was out of the country and that they can only meet the Secretariat at the beginning of March.

4. Report on Working Groups

4.1 **Summary of progress in Working Groups**

Mr Fanie van der Merwe gave a brief report back from a meeting held between the Secretariat and the five secretaries of the WG's. It was agreed that an abbreviated version should be distributed to DMC members. (See attached.)

4.2 **Administrative arrangements/facilities**

4.2.1 After discussing the written report, appreciation was expressed by the meeting to the Secretariat and the Administration for the very capable and effective way in which the enormous work load was being handled.

4.2.2 The meeting took note of the fax sent out to heads of delegations requesting competent minute takers to be made available to the Administration. Parties/organisations/administrations were urged to respond urgently.

4.2.3 The report was accepted.

4.3 **Request from WG4 on clarity regarding "consensus"**

4.3.1 Dr FT Mdlalose reported on discussions held in WG4 on this issue. The meeting noted that it was in the spirit of CODESA to arrive at agreements on various issues by consensus/sufficient consensus, thus ensuring that the CODESA process progresses. It was further noted that it is important for parties/organisations/administrations to facilitate the success of this process through the constructive and effective use of this mechanism.

4.3.2 It was agreed that:

- * The DMC will meet the Chairperson of WG4 on Monday 24 February at 09h30 in connection with this matter.
- * The Secretariat will attend the meeting of WG4 on 24 February

1992 on behalf of the DMC to ascertain how to deal effectively with the issue.

- * If these two measures did not result in success, the issue should be raised at the MC meeting on 24 February 1992 at 17h00.

5. **Report of meeting between the secretariat and WGSC's on 17 February 1992**

5.1 **Rapporteurs**

It was reported that clarity was sought on whether rapporteurs could be persons other than delegates/advisers and whether substitutes were permitted if a delegate/adviser becomes a rapporteur. It was agreed that the decision of the DMC as reflected in item 4.1.4.1 of the minutes of 6 February 1992, should stand, i.e. to allow substitutes. This issue will be reviewed should this become an unmanageable practice.

5.2 **Advertisements**

It was noted that the WG's reported that there was no need for advertisements at the present time.

5.3 **Communication mechanisms between DMC and WG's**

5.3.1 **Media statements**

It was agreed and/or reiterated that:

- * No statements to the media should be made by WG's and all statements should be made and co-ordinated by the DMC
- * Regular media briefings should be given/media statements be made on Tuesdays by the DMC after having received written information from each WG not later than 12h00 on Tuesdays.
- * Statements would be prepared and issued by the Secretariat in consultation with the chairperson of the DMC.

5.3.2 **Request from WG5 to the DMC**

It was agreed that:

- * the DMC should respond to all requests of WG5 through the chairperson;

- * the chairperson of the DMC will communicate with the chairperson of WGSC5 on the relationship between the DMC and the secretariat, providing WG5 with a copy of the organogram accepted by CODESA I;
- * the meeting between the secretariat and WGSC5 on the delineation of tasks should be held back until this issue was cleared; and
- * the possibility of a meeting between the DMC and all WGSCs should be kept in mind.

6. **CODESA Secretariat**

- 6.1 After careful consideration by the meeting of the excellent manner in which the Secretariat carried out its tasks, and noting that the problem was not the size of the Secretariat, but insufficient staff and technical resources, it was agreed that the Secretariat will remain the same.
- 6.2 It was also agreed that, in line with the Administrative Report, the Administration should be strengthened.
- 6.3 With regard to the participation of the Secretariat in the MC and WG's as advisers/delegates, and noting the need for the Secretariat to be perceived as neutral, it was agreed members of the Secretariat should not participate in the activities of CODESA as delegates/advisers. This issue will be revisited in order to allow members of the Secretariat to make their own views known on this matter.

7. **Financial assistance**

It was agreed that this matter should stand over.

8. **Applications for participation in CODESA**

These were noted.

9. **Other business**

- 9.1 **Request from embassies for a briefing**

It was agreed that such a briefing should be held by the DMC. The Secretariat was requested to prepare documentation and recommendations on how to proceed.

9.2 Correspondence

With regard to requests to DMC members (and notably the Chairperson) to address meetings, it was agreed to:

- * express regret to the National Land Committee that their request could not be met;
- * consider putting the issue of pensions on the agenda of the MC, while asking Government's advice on how to effectively deal with this issue; and
- * encourage both organisations to make representations to the correct Working Group.

9.3 It was agreed to put the issue of **Women's participation** in CODESA on the agenda of the meeting of the MC, with the appropriate correspondence.

10. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that this should take place on Monday 24 February 1992 at 16h30, for half an hour before the meeting of the MC.

The meeting adjourned.