

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES. THEY ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND RESTRICTED TO MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP, THE DAILY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. THEY ARE STILL SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE WORKING GROUP AND TO THE WORKING GROUP SUBGROUP AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WORKING GROUP 1 SUB GROUP 3 HELD AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE ON TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY AT 08H00

PRESENT : SEE ADDENDUM

T J Mohapi (Chair)
T Motumi (Minute taker)
A Schoeman (Secretary)

1. Convenor's opening remarks

- 1.1 The convenor welcomed delegates and hoped the sub-group would make speedy progress.

2. Ratification of minutes

- 2.1 Point 2.2.4 stating that there was a need for monitoring the media, was deleted.
- 2.2 Point 8.1 should read : That the ANC will circulate a motion on neutrality and impartiality at a subsequent meeting.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- 3.1 The meeting agreed that only the Steering Committee is authorised to release press statements.
- 3.2 The meeting agreed to the procedure outlined in Sub-group 1 i.e. that the sub-group approve the press release before it is passed on to the Steering Committee.
- 3.3 Responding to point 7.1 relating to political neutrality and impartiality of the electronic media, the South African government stated that it would make a submission on the structure of the SABC and other structures related to the electronic media.
- 3.4 It was agreed that members of the sub-group would investigate if there are any statutory provisions within South Africa (including the TBVC states) which prevent any political party or any other agency from establishing and continuing its own means of mass communication and from exercising press freedom and enjoying access to established printed media. The five government/administration representatives and other delegations will make submissions at the next meeting when we will discuss if these laws should be repealed or amended.

4. Continuation of Discussion on items F,L,O of the Terms of Reference

- 4.1 It was agreed that item F would be discussed at the next meeting of this sub-group.
- 4.2 Item L was discussed and the interpretation of this point tabled by Ciskei was adopted (see addendum D). The section of Item L dealing with the distribution of print media will be

discussed at the next meeting (see SACP submission).

- 4.3 It was agreed that members would make submissions for discussion next week on item O and discussion will examine impediments to free political activity and access for political parties to all potential supporters and voters.
- 4.4 It was further agreed that members of the sub-group would present suggestions next week to promote the role of intensive and continuous educative and informative campaigns in respect of political tolerance, the working of democracy and the processes of CODESA.

5. Discussion on items K,P of the Terms of Reference

- 5.1 The discussion item was postponed until the next meeting.

ADDENDUM A

The following participants signed the register:

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS	K Asmal (D)
	P Maduna (A)
BOPHUTHATSWANA GOVERNMENT	J Esterhuizen
CISKEI GOVERNMENT	MB Webb
	M Nozondo
DEMOCRATIC PARTY	P Soal (D)
	D Smuts (A)
DIKWANKWETLA PARTY	TJ Mophapi
	MM Maekane
INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY	Dr. Benard
INTANDO YESISWE PARTY	SL Mthimunye(D)
INYANDZA NATIONAL MOVEMENT	MS Gininda
	MJ Mahlalela
LABOUR PARTY	I Kruger
	M Loonat
NIC/TIC	M Shaik
	M Moolla
NATIONAL PARTY	GB Myburgh (D)
	AJG Oosthuizen (A)
NATIONAL PEOPLES PARTY	AK Beesham
	D Chetty
SOLIDARITY PARTY	PI Devan (D)
	C Naguran (A)
SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNIST PARTY	E Pahad (D)
SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT	HJ Coetsee (D)
	P Colyn (A)
TRANSKEI GOVERNMENT	MA Ntshinga
	M Mpahlwa
UNITED PEOPLE'S FRONT	R Maponya
	S Maja
VENDA GOVERNMENT	ZC Nevhutalu
	PJ Nembambula
XIMOKO PROGRESSIVE PARTY	BM Tlakula (D)
	NM Mtsetwene (A)

ADDENDUM B

Written submissions were received from the following parties/organisations :

LABOUR PARTY (2 papers)
SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNIST PARTY
NATIONAL PEOPLE'S PARTY

ADDENDUM C

The following general points were put forward by delegates :

- 6.1 ANC : There should be no legal impediment to the right to establish mass communication, including the registration of print media.
- 6.2 There needs to be new laws compelling impartiality in public media, as well as state assistance to minority parties.
- 6.3 The Labour Party supports ANC only on aspect of impartiality, but not on the state to assist minority parties.
- 6.4 Ximoko Progressive Party was not supportive of statutory provisions in broadcasting.
- 6.5 National People's Party wants a law to guarantee equal opportunity for each party to broadcast.
- 6.6 The South African government spelt out the new requirements to register newspapers. These are that it submits the proposed name, its editor, and also the publisher.
- 6.7 Ciskei's proposed interpretation of Item L was tabled, and reads as follows :
 1. Are there any statutory provisions which prevent any political party or any other agency from establishing and continuing its own means of mass communication and from exercising press freedom or from enjoying access to established print media ?
 2. If so, should such laws be abolished or amended ?
- 6.8 The ANC suggested that all parties bring proposals in next meeting in answer to Ciskei's interpretation.
- 6.9 Consensus was reached that the definition was acceptable, and it was adopted. The South African government and the TBVC administrations agreed to make submissions in next meeting in line with the Ciskei's interpretation.
- 6.10 The DP pointed out that the issue of structures ownership must be examined, as underlying this are factors of distribution of the print media.
- 6.11 There was a general agreement that the issue of distribution raised by the DP needs to be discussed, and the SACP submission was to form the basis for discussion in the next meeting.
- 6.11 It was appreciated that whilst there is a problem with introducing laws to control private companies on distribution, there should be no discrimination.
- 6.12 Venda requested the meeting to agree that agreement had been reached on the principle of political neutrality, but the South African government felt this would be spelt out in its submission in the next meeting.
- 6.13 Inyandza National Movement, supported by the NIC/TIC and Transkei, pointed out that agreement had been reached earlier on the point raised by Venda.
7. Item O on the role of intensive and informative campaigns in respect of political tolerance was discussed.

- 7.1 IFP pointed out that the previous request for a 10 minute slot on SABC had not been carried out. It was pointed out that a number of procedures need to be gone into prior to the decision being implemented.
- 7.2 The ANC indicated that there were more important issues than appearance on TV, and that there should instead be active ways to defend democracy, both in the interim and in the long term. Social institutions could play this role, and there needs to be a continuous educative process about democracy.
- 7.3 The NPP suggested that there needs to be a CODESA delegation, with one representative per party, visiting the troubled areas with the view to resolving differences. With regard to aspects "n" and "o" from the terms of reference ie. the fostering of tolerance and the role of CODESA, the NPP suggests that a CODESA delegation comprising of one delegate from each participating organisation visit the troubled areas of the country with a view to resolving differences. Greater media coverage eg. a ten minute daily slot on prime time T will also facilitate this process. The aim would be to show the level of tolerance, despite differences, that exists amongst delegates seated in this forum.
- The National People's Party believes that the message of CODESA must reach all the people of this country. The aim, as stated in the National Peace Accord should be:
 "To signify our common purpose to bring an end to political violence in our country and to set out the codes of conduct, procedures and mechanisms to achieve this goal".
- 7.4 The South African government felt that it was important that a human rights culture prevail, as this would help in the creation of a proper climate.
- 7.4.1 The school curricula was important in preparing a future generation for this culture of human rights, as well as promotion of basic values.
- 7.4.2 Propose that every delegate submit their input on third generation rights.
- 7.5 The DP supports an interim Bill of Rights.
- 7.5.1 It also supports civic instruction at schools
- 7.5.2 It also supports the need to educate all our people about electoral processes, and state media should play a leading role in this regard.
- 7.5.3 Regional and Local Dispute Resolution Committees can be developed to include electoral component.
- 7.6 The DP asked for a hearing from the National Peace Accord
- 7.7. The ANC pointed out the request was still in the process of being finalised by the Steering Committee.
- 7.8 Solidarity and IFP are of the opinion there needs to be awareness created among the masses.
- 7.9 Inyandza said whilst it agreed with Solidarity and IFP on their point about awareness, there is still a problem of inaccessibility to members and prospective members in certain areas in the country, especially the homelands and self governing states.
- 7.8 NPP supports DP's proposal on broadening the scope of the NPA.
- 7.9 The NIC/TIC registered its disagreement on this matter.
- 7.10 The SA government said there was a spirit of support for the invitation to the NPA.
8. On Item O, the ANC felt there was an impediment on gender and racial lines when looking at this

item.

8.1 The ANC felt delegates need to make input on impediments, especially those in 'other' administrations

9. The NP asked that names of the said states be specifically named by the ANC.
10. The SACP said there needs to be consideration given of the possibility of the NPA having a media/publicity subcommittee.
 - 10.1 The SACP also raised the possibility of using the NPA structures to do educational work among communities.
11. There was agreement that there would be proposals presented to the group to promote the ideals of Item O.



WORKING GROUP 1/SG/ AGENDA/MARCH 2

DRAFT AGENDA FOR WORKING GROUP 1 SUBGROUP 3 TO BE HELD AT THE WTC ON 2 MARCH

1. Convenors opening remarks
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Ratification of minutes
4. Matters arising from minutes
5. ANC motion on Item F
6. Discussion on submission made under Item L :Distribution of the print media
7. Discussion on submissions from Parties on Item O
8. Media Release
9. Any other business
10. Date of Next meeting

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**URGENT NOTICE TO ALL DELEGATES AND ADVISERS OF CODESA WORKING
GROUP 1: 25 FEBRUARY 1992**

The Steering Committee of Working Group 1 resolved at a meeting held on the 24 February 1992 that, due to the pressures of the forthcoming referendum on certain of the organisations participating in Working Group 1, the WG1 Sub-Groups would meet only on Mondays for the next three weeks. This means that each Sub-Group will meet on two occasions over the next three weeks.

The revised schedule of meetings is, therefore, as follows:

MON	02 MAR	WGSB 3	08h00 - 12h30
		WGSB 2	13H30 - 18H00
		WGSC1	12H30 -13H30

[No meetings on Tues 03 March]

MON	09 MAR	WGSB 2	08h00 - 12h30
		WGSB 1	13h30 - 18h00

[No meetings on Tues 10 March]

MON	16 MAR	WGSB 1	08h00 - 12h30
		WGSB 3	13h30 - 18h00

* FROM MONDAY THE 23rd OF MARCH THE SCHEDULE WILL REVERT TO ITS ORIGINAL FORM.

* PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF YOUR NEW MEETING TIMES FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS.