

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF CODESA 1 HELD AT 09H00 ON FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 1991 AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE

Present:

LV Ntsubane - Transkei Gvt (Co-Convenor)  
Major-Gen PJ Nembambula - Venda Gvt (Co-Convenor)

JM Spaarwater - RSA Government  
A Ntshinga - Transkei Gvt  
E Mtshali - ANC  
L Moloi - SACP  
R Mampane - ANC  
Moe Shaik - ~~ANC~~ (NIC/TIC)  
R Nkondo - ANC  
MG Kabingesi - Transkei Gvt  
Dr B Geldenhuys - National Party  
F du Preez - RSA Government  
Glenda Cohen - Codesa Management  
Ashley Symes - Codesa Admin

*Correct!*

THE MEETING WAS OPENED BY MAJ-GEN NEMBAMBULA AT 09H40. THE MAJOR POINTS ARISING FROM THE MEETING WERE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Further to the meeting of 12 December 1991, Mr Spaarwater re-iterated the fact that the security of CODESA 1 is of prime importance and that the South African Government is therefore under an obligation to procure the assistance of all participating parties in this matter.
  - 1.1 He stressed that, in the event of a real security threat at the Convention, the Government cannot abrogate its responsibility; and therefore requested that all members of the Sub-Committee accept the role of the SA Police (SAP) as ultimate authority should a security crisis occur in the course of the Convention.
  - 1.2 Mr Spaarwater proposed further that a Security Operations Room should be established from Monday 16 December, and that an intelligence facility should be created, so that important security information might be received and processed.
2. Members of the Sub-Committee accepted the offer of an Intelligence Room and agreed that it be established on Monday 16 December 1991.
  - 2.1 Considerable discussion ensued on the question of the presence of the SAP and the nature of the security command of CODESA 1. The principal points of this discussion are detailed in points 3 through points 3.6.
3. Further to the meeting of the Sub-Committee on 12 December,

debate still centred on the role of the SAP outside CODESA and the role of the SAP within it. The SA Government believes the SAP must have ultimate authority within and without the Convention. Other parties believe that the Security Task Force should have authority within the precincts of the Convention.

- 3.1 Government is not prepared to redefine the instruments of the State at this point. Mr Spaarwater remarked that while the purpose of CODESA is to establish a legitimate government, the present SA Government is a legal one, which as such must accept the final responsibility for national security.
- 3.2 Concern was expressed about Government's apparent reluctance to compromise on this issue and the question was posed by Mr Ntsubane: what does this imply for the overall operation and effectiveness of CODESA?
- 3.3 Mr Mtshali pointed out that CODESA was not convened by the Government, and that in the light of this, it would be wrong for the SAP to assume overall control of security. This would send the wrong message to many delegations present at the Convention, some of whose members have been victims of the Government in the past and who cannot therefore accept the role of Government as protector.
- 3.4 Mr Spaarwater reiterated that shared responsibility would be the basic principle of security management at CODESA and that the ultimate authority of the SAP would only come into play in the event of an emergency. However, clarification on the relationship between the SAP and the CODESA security command structure was still called for by Mr Shaik and Mr Ntshinga.
- 3.5 Members of the Sub-Committee agreed that the whole issue of security command and authority should be taken before the Steering Committee, which is under an obligation to honour the principles of CODESA. All parties will also report back on the matter to their principals.
- 3.5i NB: The next meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled to take place at 09h00 on Wednesday 18 December 1991.
- 3.6 It was agreed that in order to hasten the decision-making process, the matter should first be broached at the next meeting of the Secretariat which takes place at 14h30 on Friday 13 December 1991. The question is to be raised at this meeting by Mr Spaarwater and Mr Shaik.
4. It was agreed that the Technical sub-committee should be convened so that practical security matters (as opposed to policy matters) might be addressed and resolved.
5. Other issues which were raised before the close of meeting were as follows:

- 5.1 Management wishes to know if the Security Sub-Committee requires names of all personnel to be present at CODESA on the days of the Convention. Matter to be referred to the Technical sub-committee
- 5.2 The Secretariat has ruled that the administration area must be sealed off during the Convention. To be referred to the Technical Sub-Committee.
- 5.3 Members of the Sub-Committee were notified that political party staff would begin to occupy offices at the World Trade Centre from Monday 16 December 1991.
- 5.4 They were also notified that offices have been allocated and that a floor plan will be made available by the Site Manager shortly.
- 5.5 Members were told that Media Accreditation starts from Tuesday 17 December 1991, and that they should thus be aware of the presence of members of the Media within the World Trade Centre from a security point of view.

THE BUSINESS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE BEING CONCLUDED, THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 11H00.