RESOLUTION ON CONDEMNATION AND OUTRAGE AT THE VIOLENT ATTACK ON NEGOTIATING PROCESS ACCEPTED BY THE NEGOTIATING COUNCIL ON FRIDAY 25 JUNE 1993

This Negotiating Council meeting on Friday 25th of June 1993 at the World Trade Centre:

1. Committed:

To finding a democratic solution to the problems of our country through a process of peaceful negotiation;

2. Noting:

The violent, life threatening and destructive events at the World Trade Centre of this morning;

3. Condemns:

In the strongest terms the actions of those that were involved in:

- 3.1 The criminal assault and abuse of individual delegates some of whom were women;
- 3.2 The criminal invasion of private property;
- 3.3 The criminal damage to property;
- 3.4 The violation of the democratic rights of South Africans to peaceful assembly and the rape of a lawful and legitimate negotiating process;
- 3.5 The theft of property;

4. Expresses:

Its sense of outrage at the behaviour of the demonstrating party and the lack of control of a participant in this Council over that party to which it is connected and the failure of the authorities to protect property, persons and the process from being violated;

5. Resolves:

- 5.1 To ensure, with all the resources at our command, that this negotiating process is not derailed or disrupted;
- 5.2 To accelerate the process of negotiations so as to bring about a democratic constitution for South Africa that will ensure peace, prosperity and protection for all;
- 5.3 To call on the members of this Council that are parties to the AVF to distance themselves openly and unambiguously from the cause of the AVF as demonstrated this morning;
- 5.4 To appoint a Commission of Inquiry to urgently look into and report on the events that took place today and to make recommendations on the security arrangements and the rules regarding demonstrations at this venue; The Planning Committee is mandated to establish this Commission immediately and formulate more detailed Terms of Reference;
- 5.5 That the police ensure the return of property stolen from the World Trade Centre;
- 5.6 To insist that the perpetrators of the criminal actions committed at the World Trade Centre are prosecuted immediately.