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The Chairman
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Dear Chairperson

Please forward this representation to working group 1 when it next convenes.

WORKING GROUP 1: POLITICAL CLIMATE: DEFENCE AMENDMENT BILL 1992

We regard the proposed legislation as retrogressive, provocative and unnecessary.

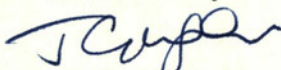
We are not at war; it is inappropriate to introduce the bill during the negotiation process, aimed at producing a peaceful new South Africa. Now is the time to encourage creative thinking, negotiation and co-operation, through freedom of conscience.

The suggested amendments belong to the old South Africa and not to the new.

If implemented, the legislation could prolong conflict for many years.

Our long experience, as one of the Peace Churches, has shown that the primary task is to remove the *remove the Causes of War*, and we encourage you in this process.

Yours faithfully



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