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The Chairman  
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Dear Sir

Co-option of Community, Education and Labour Organisations onto State and Semi-State Institutions.

We stand on the brink of major political and social change that is being negotiated at your forum. This focuses mainly on executive authority, and structuring of higher levels, and principles. These may take time to filter down to governing councils and other bodies entrusted with the task of running State institutions. The officials of these bodies are dominated by state appointees whose sympathies clearly lie in political ideology rather than in the interests of the communities they serve. Many of these Governing Councils have worked actively to keep certain progressive organisations out. Presently the situation is that while CODESA is making major gains, these Councils are making policy decisions that are contrary to the spirit of CODESA and could result in irreversible damage to the process of transformation.

We therefore propose that CODESA immediately look at mechanisms to democratise these governing bodies by making it possible for some form of co-option of Education, Community and Labour organisations onto these bodies. To ensure that the spirit of CODESA is felt at grassroots where it is most needed.

Yours Faithfully

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encl: letter to Minister





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Dear Dr Rajoo

## Co-option of new members onto ML Sultan Council

The Technikon will be holding its A.G.M. on the 22 April 1992, the Union is of the opinion that since we are in the process of transition the Technikon Council should be structured to accommodate various Community and Education organisations, that for various reasons have been excluded in the past from Government and semi-Government institutions.

Since to amend the present Council constitution is a time consuming process that could involve changes in the Act, we feel that a mechanism be enacted to facilitate a form of co-option to accommodate the above organisations.

We would like to propose the following organisations:

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| N.E.C.C. -    | National Education Co-ordinating Committee                              |
| N.E.P.I. -    | National Education Policy Investigation                                 |
| S.A.D.T.U.-   | South African Democratic Teachers Union                                 |
| C.O.R.T.E.K.- | Centre for Rural Technical Education                                    |
| N.E.H.A.W.U.- | National Education Health and Allied Workers Union<br>(state employees) |
| N.C.F.-       | National Civic Forum  |

Many institutions like Wits University, Cape Town University, University of Western Cape, University of Durban-Westville and Peninsula Technikon have opened up their Councils indicating a democratic commitment to the communities they serve.

The Union believes that we are in the process of enormous change which will mean new national policies. For this to be done in a democratic way there has to be consultation with the broadest possible spectrum of opinion, hence our proposal.



Therefore we request you to facilitate this process and spirit of consultation at Council level. This we believe is within your power.

Yours faithfully



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( Secretary)

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Mr M Rajab - President of Council