



FIVE
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FORUM

The Chairman
Working Group Three
World Trade Centre
Kempton Park

15 April 1992

Dear Sir,

CONFERENCE ON DEFENCE AND SECURITY IN TRANSITION

Five Freedoms Forum intends hosting a conference on "Defence and Security in Transition" during May 1992. Conference delegates will consist of all major actors involved in the sphere of defence and security.

The objectives of the conference are as follows:

1. Seek out areas of consensus and difference between major players in the defence and security arena.
2. To facilitate contact and build confidence between the major players in the defence and security arena.
3. To ensure that the conference influences the decisions and/or the debates concerning the institution of multi-party oversight over the security forces during the transition.

The following broad themes have been identified as providing the basis for conference discussions:

1. Defence values and principles in a changing environment.
2. Defining the role of the armed forces during the transitional period.
3. Ensuring the accountability of the armed forces in a future South Africa.

The form of the conference will be characterised by an opening and closing plenary with discussion groups and group report-backs continuing throughout the conference. The following details have been agreed to regarding the logistics of the conference:

1. DATE: 22nd - 24th MAY
2. VENUE: Espada Ranch
3. PLACE: Pretoria

The attendance of a representative from CODESA Working Group Three is seen as essential to the ongoing debate surrounding military-related issues during the current transition. Further details will be faxed to you shortly and Five Freedoms Forum would greatly appreciate it if you could indicate your interest in this conference.

Yours Faithfully,

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PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

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Conference on Defence and Security in Transition

The Five Freedoms Forum will be hosting a conference on *Defence and Security in Transition* from 22 May to 24 May 1992.

Defence and security are very sensitive areas. We hope to bring together major actors in our country and in the region to look at the paths available to us for the transition.

A major part of the conference will be devoted to small discussion groups on the three sub-themes: Defence Values in a Changing Environment; Armed Forces in Transition; the Defence Force in the Future. All participants will be able to express themselves in full at these groups discussions.

The conference will be an occasion for clarifying positions as well as to identify the questions which need to be answered. Such a conference will depend on the calibre of input you, due to your experience, can make.

Invited are the Ministry of Defence, African National Congress, Transkei, Venda, Bophuthatswana, Ciskei, Inkatha Freedom Party, the Pan-Africanist Congress, embassy officials, senior retired SADF officers, strategic studies experts and military representatives.

The Conference will be held at the Espada Ranch, a venue conducive to building closer relations between Southern Africans who share a common commitment to peace and freedom.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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Friday 22 May

16h00	Registration
19h00	Keynote address
20h00	Braai

Saturday 23 May

SESSION 1	Opening session
8h30	Position papers
	Contributions by: Ministry of Defence; African National Congress; Transkei; Venda; Bophuthatswana; Ciskei; Inkatha Freedom Party; and the PAC.
	Discussion
13h00 - 14h30	LUNCH
SESSION 2	Defence Values in a Changing Environment
14h00	Brief input
	Discussion groups
19h00	Reports from discussion groups
	SUPPER

Sunday 24 May

SESSION 3	Armed Forces in Transition
8h30	Brief input
	Discussion groups
	Reports from discussion groups
13h00 - 14h30	LUNCH
SESSION 4	The Defence Force in the Future
14h30	Brief input
	Discussion groups
	Reports from discussion groups
SESSION 5	Closing session
19h00	