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**SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICE  
- WORLD TRADE CENTRE -**

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Head of the Administration  
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Dear Dr Eloff

**SUBMISSION BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE ATTENTION OF  
THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: VIOLENCE**

1. Attached is a submission by the South African Government entitled *Position paper of the South African Government reaching out to the marginalised youth in South Africa.*
2. Kindly transmit the document for immediate attention to the Technical Committee.

Yours sincerely

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**POSITION PAPER OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT  
REACHING OUT TO THE MARGINALISED YOUTH IN SOUTH AFRICA**

1. The Technical Committee on Violence recommended that all parties and organisations submit their views regarding the implementation of a "Peace Corps/Youth Services Corps" to deal with the so-called marginalised youth in South Africa.
2. This matter has been receiving the attention of the Government for some time. Examples of youth training and employment programmes exist all over the world. The Government would favour an option with as comprehensive an approach as possible.
3. To this end the Government recommends the establishment of a youth foundation in which persons from both the private and the public sector could be actively involved. The youth foundation should focus on the empowerment of especially illiterate and jobless marginalised youths by providing them with training and recreation which could be the first step towards mainstreaming them and placing them on the road to a vocation or career. It is suggested that this foundation be created under the auspices of the Executive Committee of the National Peace Committee (possibly in co-operation with the National Peace Accord Trust). The Government, the private

sector as well as international agencies should contribute towards the establishment and functioning of the foundation. It is also important that the foundation utilise existing structures in both the public and the private sector to execute its function.

4. The Government recommends that -

- 4.1 the State makes an amount available, to be administered by the youth foundation in order to finance projects on behalf of the marginalised youth;
- 4.2 the foundation sets in motion a programme to obtain financial assistance from the private sector and international agencies;
- 4.3 the foundation liaise with all role-players in the public and private sector to provide and assist in establishing projects that would comprise social discipline, training and job creation in the form of community service, sport and recreation;
- 4.4 the following programmes be undertaken -
  - 4.4.1 general development which should include discipline, neatness and fitness;

- 4.4.2 specific training, in particular industry, for example agriculture, motor-vehicle repairs, masonry, electricity, etc;
  - 4.4.3 community services such as cleaning of roads, repairing of facilities, planting of grass and trees, addressing the needs of informal settlements such as the building of houses, etc; and
  - 4.4.4 sport and recreation;
  - 4.5 the duration of the training programme be for a specified period which could be from six months to one year; and
  - 4.6 participants be paid a specific allowance per month and a lump sum on the successful completion of the course.
5. It is proposed that the initiative be called the Service and Training Youth Battalion (STB).