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SUBMISSION
BY
THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY
TO THE
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON VIOLENCE

MULTI-PARTY NEGOTIATING COUNCIL

1. PROPOSAL:

- 1.1 That constitutional negotiations be suspended until all terrorist activities have ceased, until the capability of terrorist organisations to terrorise South Africa has been neutralised and until a climate free from intimidation and conducive to proper constitutional negotiations has been established.
- 1.2 That a procedure be followed to achieve the aims set out above, and that such procedure entail, inter alia, the following:
- 1.2.1 The immediate voluntary disbandment/dissolution of APLA, MK and related terrorist structures within a specified period, the uncovering of their arms caches and surrendering thereof to the security forces; bringing their trained personnel under control and immediately ceasing all training of terrorists.
- 1.2.2 Failing dissolution, the government ban such organisations outright and the security forces of the RSA destroy the terrorist capability of these organisations forthwith.

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2. REASONING:

- 2.1 It should be common cause that the existing violence is not conducive to proper constitutional negotiations or a lasting solution.
- 2.2 Existing violence, both in it's nature and scope, is tearing the country to pieces and the negotiations apart.
- 2.3 The politically inspired violence has reached such a degree of intensity and continuity that a wave of crime is following on it's heels, which in turn deepens the state of anarchy in the land.
- 2.4 The South African government bears the responsibility for the maintenance of law and order and should be supported by all groupings to bring an end to the violence and crime in as short a space of time as possible.
- 2.5 No negotiations proper can take place in a climate of violence or a state of anarchy. This par excellence applies to an election or elections.
- 2.6 There can be no negotiations on the justifiability or otherwise of the existing violence. It must simply be brought to an end.
- 2.7 The negotiating process has been born in blood and is being imbrued with blood as it continues. Should it be allowed to continue, in this manner, the rest of the process, whatever process is followed, will be drowned in blood. The violence therefore simply has to be brought to an end.

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- 2.8 Without exception, all groupings, organisations, communities or forces opposed to the Tripartite Alliance of the SACP/ANC/COSATU are at the receiving end of politically inspired violence. The common denominator in all violence throughout the country, is the said Tripartite Alliance.
- 2.9 It is clear that the Tripartite Alliance has failed to transform itself or any of its components into a peaceful democratic movement, whether through lack of will or ability or both. As could have been expected, counter violence followed. Yet counter violence is still mainly limited to reaction to the violence perpetrated by the Alliance, the said reaction being either ad hoc or of a more continuous nature.
- 2.10 The PAC/APLA portrays itself as the revolutionary force intent on dealing with white opposition to the revolutionary aims of itself and the Tripartite Alliance. It is supported by MK, which forms an integral part of the Tripartite Alliance, in committing acts of terror whilst APLA mostly claims responsibility. To all intents and purposes, the armed wing of the Tripartite Alliance and the PAC pursue the same goals and act in synchronisation with one another. The existence and activities of a third force being a combination of certain MK and APLA members and new recruits is also a fact.
- 2.11 For the purposes of this submission, the collective term "Terrorist Organisations" shall be used to refer to these three forces of terror.
- 2.12 The war called peace waged by the Terrorist Organisations should therefore be terminated as a matter of priority and urgency, thereby eliminating counter violence and creating a climate conducive to proper constitutional negotiations.

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- 2.13 This can be achieved through voluntary disbandment/dissolution of the Terrorist Organisations, failing which the government of the day has the dire responsibility to destroy the capacity of the terrorist organisations to continue with their terror campaigns.
- 2.14 The existence of revolutionary violence is intended to hold political opponents and the whole of the negotiating forum hostage until the political goals of the terrorist organisations are met. This is totally unacceptable and incompatible with peaceful negotiations and lasting solutions.
- 2.15 Incorporation of the members of terrorist organisations, or portions of those organisations or those organisations as a whole into the security forces of the government of the day, will merely transform terrorists into uniformed revolutionaries and cannot be regarded as an acceptable solution whatsoever. It will have the effect of condoning the deeds of terror with which they are associated, which will encourage terrorism instead of eradicating it.
- 2.16 Joint control by terrorist organisations over the security forces of the government of the day will merely grant governmental status to those perpetrating revolutionary violence and is equally unacceptable, as government will then be tarnished with the brush of their violent action.

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3. ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS:

- 3.1 The Conservative Party reserves its right to make such further submissions as may be deemed necessary.
- 3.2 The Conservative Party makes itself available to the Technical Committee for discussion and/or canvassing of its submission or submissions.
- 3.3 The facts pertaining to the nature and scope of the violence are regarded as common cause. (Those facts are readily available.) Therefore this submission is not burdened with a repetition thereof.

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