DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION ACT HELD AT 13H10 ON WEDNESDAY 21 JULY 1993 AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE.

PRESENT: K Andrew

D Schutte P Maduna B Desai SG Mothibe

M Hynd (Minutes)

The meeting commenced with the tabling of the brief received from the Planning Committee.

1 Brief

- 1.1 To recommend response to two letters received by the Planning Committee
- 1.2 To examine 5 Sections of the I E C Act, viz Sections 7, 16, 17, 18,3 and 21 which have not yet been agreed upon by the parties to the Negotiating Council.

2 Matters

Letters from the Technical Committee on IEC referred to the Ad Hoc Committee by the Planning Committee tabled:

- 2.1 With respect to the letter dated 14 July dealing with requests to make oral submissions to the Technical Committee, it was agreed that following written submissions, oral evidence would be permissible where such oral representation was at the request of the Technical Committee as previously agreed by the Negotiating Council.
- 2.2 A new Electoral Act: an invitation for submissions in this regard has already been made to delegations to the Negotiating Council. The question has arisen whether interested parties outside of the Negotiating Council be invited to make representations in this regard.

In this regard there is a need to confirm or otherwise that the IEC Technical Committee has been mandated to draw up a new Electoral Act.

2.3 IEC Act Sections 7, 16, 17, 18,3 & 21

Section 7: Issue of participation of international members. Following discussion it was agreed that within the time period permitted the Committee was unable to examine and discuss thoroughly the issues before it in order to make recommendations.

The Committee will examine the points before it, but more time is requested in which to discuss these matters in order to reach consensus.

In conclusion it was agreed that if it was confirmed that the Technical Committee had been requested to draft the said New Electoral Act, then the Negotiating Council should invite outside parties to make submissions if they wish to do so.

Meeting Schedule

It was agreed that the Committee would meet again on Tuesday 27 July at 08h00 and during the Negotiating Council lunch recess.

4 Closure

The meeting was closed at 14h05