

CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTY FIFTH (35TH) MEETING OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE**

MONDAY 15 APRIL 1996

Present

**Ramaphosa, M C (Chairperson)
Wessels, L (Deputy Chairperson)**

Ackermann, C	Mahlangu, N J
Alant T G (Alt)	Marais, P G
Andrew, K (Alt)	Mbete-Kgositsile, B
Beyers A S (Alt)	Mdladlana, S (Alt)
De Beer, S J (Alt)	Moosa, M V
De Lange, J H	Mulder, C P
Du Toit, D C	Ngcuka, B T
Eglin, C W	Mzimande, B E
Fourie, A	Rabie, J A
Gordhan, P J	Radue, R (Alt)
Green, L M (Alt)	Sizani, R K
Hofmeyr, W	Smuts, D (Alt)
King, T J	Steenkamp, P J
Love, J	Surty, M E (Alt)
Lockey, D	Van Breda, A
Mahlangu M J	van Heerden, F J (Alt)

Apologies: R P Meyer, Z Skweyiya, GNM Pandor.

Absent: K Asmal, M Bhaba, OC Chabane, G Fraser-Moleketi, F Ginwala, NJ Gogotya, S P Holomisa, J L Kgoali, M G Ligege, BS Mabandla, D W Makhanya, LPHM Mtshali, Y L M Myakayaka-Mansini, S Mzimela, BT Ngcuka, BE Nzimande, E G Pahad, R Rabinowitz, TV Sifora, P Smith, RS Suttner.

In attendance: Directorate: H Ebrahim, M Sparg, L Zondo; **Minutes:** M Keegan, S Rabinowitz, T Smit; **Technical Refinement Task Team:** G Grové (Law Adviser); D Powell (Research); G Erasmus, J Kruger, C Murray, Jan Van Der Westhuisen, and Z Yacoob.

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Mr. Ramaphosa opened the meeting at 10h20.
- 1.2 The meeting noted that the 5th Working Draft was only received this morning as the Technical Refinement Team had worked on it until the early hours of the morning.
- 1.3 Parties made the following suggestions regarding the agenda:
 - i The NP stated that their party had scheduled a caucus in the afternoon and therefore suggested that the meeting adjourned until the following day.
 - ii The DP also suggested that the meeting adjourn until the following day to allow parties to consider the documentation. They suggested that it may be necessary to agree that the completed draft be distributed only on Monday, and not on Friday, as this would allow additional time for discussions on Thursday and Friday.
 - iii The ANC suggested that the meeting could reconvene at 14h00 on that day. After hearing the views of the other parties they suggested that the parties would reconvene until the following day, and that it then be clear that the adjournment would be to facilitate the programme as it stood, which would likely require extended meetings for longer hours on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- 1.4 The meeting agreed to adjourn until the following day, Tuesday 16 April 1996 at 10h00, on the understanding that the preparations of parties would include the whole of the document.
- 1.5 It was also agreed that parties would consider at the next meeting whether the distribution of the Bill would be postponed until Monday 22 April 1996.
- 1.6 The meeting agreed further that smaller sub-committees would take place, if necessary simultaneously with the CC, and that the TRT should be present as far as possible in all the meetings in order to answer any queries directed at them.

3. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 11h10.