

CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF THE 2ND MEETING OF THE CORE GROUP
THEME COMMITTEE 6
SPECIALISED STRUCTURES OF GOVERNMENT
THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER 1994

PRESENT

Powell, P (Chairperson)

Chiole J
De Beer S (Co-chairperson)
Kgositsile, B (Co-chairperson)
Vadi I
Dyani Z D

Apologies:
Chiole, J

Absent:
Jordaan J A

N Nyoka and K McKenzie were in attendance.

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

Mr Powell opened the meeting at 15:00 and welcomed the members.

2. PREPARATION FOR THE THEME COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 24 OCTOBER 1994

2.1 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Core Group
The minutes were adopted.

2.2 Consideration of the proposed agenda of the forthcoming Theme Committee meeting
It was agreed that the representation of all parties in Subtheme Committees should be added to the proposed agenda.

2.2.1 Traditional Authorities

The meeting proposed that Subtheme Committee One draw up proposals on how further discussion should take place on Traditional Authorities given that it is also being dealt with by two other Theme Committees.

2.2.2 South African Elections Commission

It was agreed that members would approach their principals in the Management Committee in order to obtain clarity regarding this topic of discussion.

3. PARTIES' SUBMISSIONS

The Secretariat reported that the only submissions received dealt with the process regarding the drafting of the Constitution and did not deal with the substantive issues as yet.

It was agreed that these submissions would be made available to members of the Theme Committee.

4. DEVELOPMENT OF A WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE THEME COMMITTEE

4.1 The meeting agreed that the substance of the Theme Committees work programme could only be determined when the Subtheme Committees had been established. *As such it was agreed:*

4.1.1 That Subtheme Committees should be established at the Second meeting of the Theme Committee. Reports from Subtheme committees should be submitted by 31 October 1994 in order for the Theme Committee to finalise its work programme by 15 November 1994.

4.1.2 Subtheme Committees should elect their own Chairperson and Secretary as the Secretariat would be unable to service them all.

4.1.3 That the Secretariat would process reports from the Subtheme Committees.

4.1.4 That documents from the Management Committee on the drafting process should be made available to all members of the Theme Committees.

4.2 In formulating the work programme, the Subtheme Committees should use the following guidelines as laid down by the Constitutional Committee:

4.2.1 Which constitutional issues within the broad Theme need to be attended to;

- 4.2.2 Which of these constitutional issues need to be dealt with as a priority;
- 4.2.3 Which are the areas of overlap with each other in the Theme committee;
- 4.2.4 Which constitutional issues need to be dealt with in Commissions;
- 4.2.5 Which of constitutional issues do the committee anticipate will require the submission of separate reports;
- 4.2.6 How many reports are to be issued and what are the deadlines for the submission of the same;
- 4.2.7 What are the structures and the who are the role players that are to be consulted;
- 4.2.8 What community and media liaison assistance will be required to facilitate the committee's work;
- 4.2.9 Who and what technical assistance will be required to support the committee.

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 5.1 It was agreed that major documents emanating from the Constitutional Committee should be circulated to all members of Theme Committees.
- 5.2 It was noted that the establishment of four Subtheme committees would stretch the capacity of minority parties. It was agreed that clarity should be sought from the Rules on the participation of alternates in these structures. The meeting agreed that alternates, provided they were members should be able to sit in Subtheme Committees. It was agreed that this should be tabled for discussion at the meeting of the Theme Committee.
- 5.3 Ms Kgositsile will chair the Theme Committee meeting to be held on 24 October 1994.

6 CLOSURE

The meeting rose at 15:30.