

CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY

THEME COMMITTEE 1 CHARACTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE

MINUTES OF JOINT CORE GROUPS MEETING MONDAY 16 MARCH 1995 ROOM M46

Present

Mahlangu N J (Theme Committee 1) (Chairperson)

Core Group Members

Blaas A	(Theme Committee 3)
Eglin C W	(Theme Committee 2)
Du Toit D C	(Theme Committee 3)
Mahlangu M J	(Theme Committee 2)
Mtshali L P H M	(Theme Committee 1)
Ndlovu V B	(Theme Committee 2)
Pahad E	(Theme Committee 2)
Rabie J A	(Theme Committee 2)
Streicher D M	(Theme Committee 1)
Smith P F	(Theme Committee 3)

Technical Advisors

Heunis J C

CA Administration

Ebrahim H
Haydon S
Mxenge M
Nene J
Rabinowitz S
Rammble L

1. OPENING

The meeting was opened at 14h05 by the Chairperson who explained that the purpose of the meeting was to address the issue of the areas of overlap between Theme Committees.

2. DISCUSSION ON AREAS OF OVERLAP BETWEEN THEME COMMITTEES

- 2.1 The document "Proposed Rationalisation of the Work of Theme Committee 1" which had been prepared by Theme Committee 1's Technical Committee was tabled.

- 2.2 Discussion took place on the methods of dealing with the areas of overlap. It was agreed that the Blocks in the Work Programme should not be shifted, that the areas of overlap should remain with the respective Theme Committees but that consultation and coordination should take place between Theme Committees on the work programme so that joint meetings could be planned if necessary.
- 2.3 Dr Heunis reported on the decision of the Technical Convenors' Meeting on 27 February 1995 that areas of overlap should remain with the Theme Committees but that Theme Committees should plan their work programmes well in advance and that all Theme Committees should be informed of each Theme Committee's work through the Secretariat so that joint meetings could be arranged.
- 2.4 He further reported on the suggestion of the Convenors that if there is a disagreement amongst the Technical Committees or Theme Committees on interpretation of the Constitutional Principles then the Panel of Experts could be requested to give their interpretation as a form of mediation.
- 2.5 The Executive Director pointed out that this was a political question requiring a political decision and if this suggestion was followed this could lead to problems.
- 2.6 It was agreed that this matter was not an issue for discussion at this meeting and that the purpose of the meeting, which was to deal with areas of overlap between Theme Committees, had been achieved.
- 2.7 The meeting rose at 14h40.