

CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY

THEME COMMITTEE 1 CHARACTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE

MINUTES OF THE CORE GROUP MEETING WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1995 11H00 ROOM M201

**Marais P G (Chairperson)
Present**

Corder H
Ebrahim H
Mahlangu N J
Meshoe K R
Moorcroft E K

APOLOGIES:

None

Leola Rammble and Susan Rabinowitz were in attendance.

1. OPENING

The meeting was opened by the Chairperson at 11h05.

2. INPUT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

3. THE ROLE OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS

4. DISCUSSION ON GUIDELINES FOR THEME COMMITTEE REPORTS

The above three items on the Agenda were dealt with at the same time.

A number of concerns were expressed to the Executive Director on the detail required under the new guidelines for Theme Committee Reports and the time this would take, the broad scope of the work of Theme Committee 1 particularly that which overlaps with another Theme Committee's work, and on whether Theme Committee 1's Report had to be rewritten along the new guidelines.

Meshoe asked if members could be informed timeously if their submissions had to be redrafted. The Managing Secretary apologised for the delay in getting back to him.

The Executive Director proposed that the problem of the overlap of work between Theme Committees could be solved by the Core Groups or Technical Committees of the affected Theme Committees meeting to find a mechanism to resolve this.

With regard to the drafting of the report, the Executive Director was happy

to assist the Technical Committees with any administrative help.

The Executive Director confirmed that it was not necessary for the Report to be rewritten.

He also suggested that emotive items on the Theme Committee's agenda be dealt with as early as possible.

The Executive Director was excused at 12h15

The meeting authorised Corder and the Technical Experts to identify items where overlaps occur with other Theme Committees, to decide which other Theme Committees are involved and to report back to the Core Group.

The meeting also authorised Corder to get assistance for dealing with submissions.

Corder was excused at 12h20.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME

It was agreed that names of delegates who were able to participate would be given to the Managing Secretary by 2 p.m. today. Meshoe, Moorcroft and Marais were unable to participate.

6. GENERAL

None

The meeting rose at 12h30