

CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY

THEME COMMITTEE 1

MINUTES OF CORE GROUP MEETING TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 1995 (08H30)

Present

N J Mahlangu (Chairperson)

M M Dyani
N T Majola-Pikoli
P G Marais
K R Meshoe
E K Moorcroft
L P H M Mtshali
P W A Mulder

Leola Rammble and Khulile Radu were in attendance.

1. OPENING

The meeting was opened by the chairperson.

2. Briefing from Chairpersons

The chairperson gave a report of the meeting held on the 23 January 1995 outlining the role of the chairpersons, core group and secretariat.

3. Workplan and Theme Committee Work Plan

The meeting agreed that the deadline for submissions for Block one would be extended to the 30 January 1995. The deadline for submissions for Block 2, would be the 09 February 1995.

4. Technical Committees

The Secretariat reported that the Technical committees are still in the process of being set-up.

5. Community Liaison Programme

The meeting noted the objection made by the FF to abstain from any Public Participation events which would be scheduled for Sundays.

Noting the absence of a viable programme for Community Liaison, the meeting decided to invite legal experts and academics to make submissions on all the Blocks relevant to Theme Committee 1 during the week-end of 11\12 February 1995.

The week-end 17\18 February would be dedicated to Religious and Community based organisation, to make submissions on the separation of Church and State.

An economic conference was planned for the 25/26 February 1995. This conference would include the Chamber of Commerce and other major stakeholders in the business world.

6. Preparation for Theme Committee meeting of 25 January 1995

The meeting discussed the issue of dealing with submissions and it was decided that the Secretariat together with the Technical Experts would assist with the collation and subsequent synopsis of submissions.

A further decision noted by the meeting was that although both the Secretariat and the technical experts would play a major role in the process, it still remains the prerogative of the Theme Committee to give the political meaning to the process.

The meeting rose at 10:15.