

CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY

**THEME COMMITTEE 1
CHARACTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE**

**MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THEME COMMITTEE 1
MONDAY 6 MARCH 1995 11H00 GOOD HOPE CHAMBER**

Present

Marais P G (Chairperson)

Booi M S	Mtshali L P H M
Chiba L	Mukhuba T T
Chikane M M	Mulder P
Cwele C S	Ncube B S
Dyani M M	Seaton S
Fani L M	Shope G
Gumede D M	Sisulu A N
Hangana N E	Streicher D M
Kekana N N	Van Deventer F J
Lekgoro M K	Van Zyl I D
Majola-Pikoli N T	Vilakazi B H
Marais A	
Meshoe R K	
Mngomezulu P G	
Momberg J H	
Moorcroft E K	

APOLOGIES:

**Chiwayo L L L
Corder H
Mahlangu N J
Nzimande B E
Ripinga S S
Schoeman E A**

Technical Experts present:

Husain Z

Apologies were received from Prof H Corder and Prof J Heunis.

Leola Rammble and Susan Rabinowitz were in attendance.

1. OPENING

The meeting was opened by the Chairperson at 11h35.

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Theme Committee of 27 February 1995 contained in document A15 were adopted.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. CORE GROUP REPORT

4.1 The minutes of the Core Group meeting of 28 February 1995 contained in document A15 were tabled.

The following amendment was pointed out in the Supplementary Report to Amended Report from Theme Committee 1. Under Contentious Issues Point (A) the second sentence in the second paragraph, the word "verifying" should read "varying" as stated in the minutes of the Core Group meeting.

4.2 Matters arising

Setting up of Commissions

It was agreed that this matter would stand over until the next Theme Committee meeting.

Joint Core Group meetings

It was agreed that this matter would stand over until next week's Theme Committee meeting.

5. REPORT BACK OF CONVENORS MEETING

Mr Husain gave a report back on the meeting of the Technical Convenors held on Monday 27 February 1995, where the issue of areas of overlap between Theme Committees was discussed. He reported that the following decision was taken: that the areas of overlap should remain with the respective Theme Committees but that the Convenors of Technical Committees should hold regular meetings and 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 planned if necessary.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was informed that there would be four public participation events over the weekend of 11 and 12 March and that the names of members of the Theme Committee participating in the events had been forwarded to the Community Liaison Department. The meeting was further advised that there would be a briefing for those participating in these CPM's on Wednesday 8 March 1995 at 14h00 in Room V227.

7. GENERAL

7.1 Weekly briefings on the constitution-making process

A letter from the Secretariat regarding weekly media briefings on the constitution-making process to members of Theme Committees was tabled. Briefings would be held every Thursday at 14h00 in the Boardroom, 10th Floor, Regis House, Adderley Street. The meeting nominated two members, M S Booie and L P H M Mtshali, to attend the meeting on Thursday 9 March.

7.2 Amendment to Supplementary Report to Amended Report from Theme Committee 1

The ACDP wished the following amendment to the Report to be tabled. Under Contentious Issues III) Point H) should read as follows: "There is no disagreement between the parties, with the exception of the ACDP, on the fact that the constitution should provide for a separation of religion (often expressed as "Church") and State.

The IFP noted that it supported the ACDP and wished its position recorded.

8. CLOSURE

The meeting rose at 11h55.

CHAIRPERSON_____