

**CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY
THEME COMMITTEE ONE
CHARACTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THEME COMMITTEE 1
MONDAY 7 AUGUST 1995 09H00 ROOM M515**

**Present
Marais PG (Chairperson)**

**Booi MS
Chiba L
Chikane MM
Chiwayo LLL
Cwele CS
Fani LM
Goosen AD
Kuzwayo NEK
Lekgoro MK
Mahlangu NJ
Majola-Pikoli NT
Mngomezulu PG
Moorcroft EK**

**Mukhuba TT
Mulder PWA
Nobunga BJ
Nzimande BE
Ripinga SS
Routledge NC
Sisulu AN
Streicher DM
Van Deventer FJ
Van Zyl ID
Vilakazi BH
Williams AJ**

Apologies:

Janse Van Rensburg AP
Mabuza MC
Macozoma SJ
Meshoe KR
Momborg JH
Niehaus CG
Shope G

Technical Experts present:

Corder H

Apologies were noted from JC Heunis and Z Husain.

Leola Rammble and Susan Rabinowitz were in attendance.

1. OPENING

1.1 The meeting was opened by the Chairperson at 09h35.

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 2.1 The Minutes of the Theme Committee meeting held on 31 July 1995 [contained in Document A30 Pages 3 - 6] were adopted.
- 2.2 It was agreed that the Minutes of the Theme Committee meeting held on 1 August 1995 [contained in Document A31 Pages 3 - 7] should stand over for adoption until the next meeting of the Theme Committee.
- 2.3 It was agreed that apologies would be noted from BE Nzimande and ID Van Zyl for the Theme Committee meetings of 31 July and 1 August 1995.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 None

4. DISCUSSION ON DRAFT REPORT FOR BLOCKS 7 AND 9 (LANGUAGE, NAME AND SYMBOLS, SEATS OF GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL TERRITORY)

- 4.1 Prof Corder noted the following amendments to the Draft Report on Blocks 7 and 9 (Language, Name and Symbols, Seats of Government and National Territory) contained in Document A31 [Pages 8 -26].
 - 4.1.1 Page 12, Section 32 Education - the words "Every person shall have the right" should be added before (b).
 - 4.1.2 Page 21, Paragraph B 2) - should read "Every person should have the right to use one of the above languages in communication with government and in the courts."
 - 4.1.3 Page 21, Paragraph B 3) - the word "governments" should be inserted after "provincial".
 - 4.1.4 Page 23 - Drafters Note - should be amended to read "In regard to (i) to (iii) above,..."
- 4.2 It was agreed that this Report should stand over for discussion to the next meeting of the Theme Committee.

5. DISCUSSION ON THE REPORT FOR BLOCK 10 (PREAMBLE / POSTAMBLE)

- 5.1 It was agreed that the discussion on the issue of the Preamble and Postamble

should stand over until the next Theme Committee meeting.

6. REQUEST FROM UNITED CHRISTIAN ACTION TO ADDRESS THE THEME COMMITTEE

- 6.1 It was agreed that the request from United Christian Action to address the Theme Committee contained in Document A30 [Page 79] was approved and the Secretariat was requested to make the necessary arrangements.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 7.1 The Secretary reported that two CPM's were scheduled to take place in Kwazulu Natal, at Empangeni on 26 August and at Port Shepstone on 2 September. It was agreed that the names of Theme Committee members wishing to attend the CPM's should be submitted to the Secretariat by Friday 11 August.

8. GENERAL

- 8.1 Letter from Premier of the Free State regarding submission on Seat of National Parliament

A letter from the Free State Premier, Mr Lekota, requesting permission to submit a submission on the Seat of National Parliament [Document A31 Pages 28-31] was tabled.

It was agreed that the Free State Province should be requested to send a written submission and thereafter the Secretary should make the necessary arrangements for a delegation to address the Theme Committee.

- 8.2 Next Theme Committee Meeting

It was agreed that the next Theme Committee meeting would take place on Monday 14 August 1995 at 09h30.

9. CLOSURE

- 9.1 The meeting rose at 10h05.

CHAIRPERSON