

**CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THEME COMMITTEE 1**

**CHARACTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE
WEDNESDAY 08 FEBRUARY 1995 (14H00)**

MAHLANGU N J (Chairperson)

Present:

Cassim M F (Alternate)	Chiba L (Alternate)
Chikane M	Chiwayo L L L (Alternate)
Dyani M M	Fani L M (Alternate)
Ferreira E T	Goosen A D
Gumede D M	Hangana N E
Janse Van Rensburg A P	Kekana N N
Lekgoro M K	Macozoma S J
Mahlangu N J	Majola-Pikoli
Marais A	Marais P G
Meshoe R K	Mngomezulu P G
Mohale M (Alternate)	Momberg J H
Moorcroft E K	Mtshali L P H M
Mulder P A W	Ncube B S
Nobunga B J	Nzimande B E
Ripinga S S	Routledge N C
Seaton S	Shope N R
Sisulu A N	Streicher D M
Van Deventer F J	Van Zyl I D
Vilakazi B H	Williams A J
Zondi M K	

Apologies:

G Shope
C S Cwele

1. OPENING

The meeting was opened by the Chairperson.

2. Public Participation Programme

The Theme Committee agreed to adopt Option 3 of the suggested Public Participation Programme. The meeting also incorporated aspects of the ANC Public Participation Programme, whereby it was agreed that the first Public hearing would be staged in the Parliament of the RSA on 15 February 1995.

It was also emphasised that in these public workouts, the participants must of

necessity choose themes that are relevant to the experiences of the intended audience.

The Secretariat also reported that it has already started sending invites to relevant organisations and institutes.

The Core Group was mandated to work out details and logistics concerning the issue of Public Participation and in that regard also consider the ANC's Public Participation proposal.

3. Report from Sub-Committee

3.1

The Chairperson of the Sub-Committee reported that together with the Technical experts they produced a framework document which would thus be brought to the Theme Committee for consideration.

3.2

The framework reflects both contentious and non-contentious issues. Whilst, agreeing to endorse the framework document the meeting also agreed to accommodate a new category wherein those issues which are neither contentious nor non-contentious could be accommodated. It was further resolved that there should be valid reasons for listing issues in this block.

3.3

Noting that item A under non-contentious issues in the proposed framework covers the same principle as Constitutional Principle 4, it was decided to change the wording to correspond with the said Principle.

3.4

The I.F.P. tabled its objection to the preliminary report, citing 21 October 1994, Resolution of the CA subsections D and E. The I.F.P. argued that Party submissions should not be handled in a manner that tries to reconcile them. In that process a lot of inputs will disappear in the generalities and in the process of reconciling them.

The I.F.P. declared that its submission should not be filtered and should go to the next level for debate and discussion.

After lengthy debate, the I.F.P. requested to be allowed to consult with its principals whereby the meeting agreed to adjourn until 09.02.95 at 14h00 to allow for that eventuality.

The meeting rose at 16h40.