

CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY

THEME COMMITTEE 2

MINUTES OF CORE GROUP MEETING

Wednesday 1 March 1995
12h00-13h00
Museum Old Assembly Building

PRESENT

Mahlangu MJ (chairperson)

Eglin CW
Groenewald PH
Pahad EGH
Rabie JA

ABSENT

Ndlovu VB

IN ATTENDANCE

Secretariat: Nene J, Smit T
Technical Committee: Steytler N

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

1.1. The meeting was opened by Mahlangu MJ.

2. MINUTES (21/02/95)

2.1. The minutes of the above meeting were adopted.

3. JOINT MEETING ON TRADITIONAL AUTHORITIES (06/03/95)

3.1. The meeting agreed that Mr Eglin shall table a request at the Management Committee meeting for the Constitutional Committee meeting to be shifted to 15h00, in order to accommodate the joint meeting.

3.2. The meeting confirmed that the letter of invitation to the above meeting had been handed to the chairpersons at a prior Chairpersons' Meeting. It was noted that the request had been initiated by theme committee 2.

3.3. The meeting noted with concern that the memorandum from the Executive Director constituting the invitation was addressed only to the chairpersons, although it requested the whole core group to attend.

3.4. It was further noted that as far as overlapping issues were concerned a report of TC2 (included in documentation 31/1/95, TC2 Work Plan, under point (3)) addressed that question.

3.5. The meeting also noted that there will be no point in giving proposed dates as requested, as administration will be in a better position to find a suitable date.

4. DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR INHOUSE WORKSHOP: LEGISLATURE NATIONAL LEVEL: SHOULD THE LEGISLATURE BE UNICAMERAL OR BICAMERAL?

4.1. The meeting adopted the draft programme presented by the Technical Committee, subject to the meeting's request that the topic to be presented by Prof Fink Haysom shall be qualified as "possible" role for a second chamber.

- 4.2. The meeting noted that inputs shall be shorter, to allow for more discussion time.
- 4.3. It was also noted that the meeting shall be recorded and transcribed
- 4.3. It was further agreed that all members of the CA shall be pigeonholed with an invitation and programme, and that posters be prepared and placed on the parliamentary buildings as a matter of urgency.

5. THEME COMMITTEE PROGRAMME FOR TECHNICAL EXPERTS

- 5.1. The meeting requested a suggested work programme from the technical committee.

6. GENERAL

- 6.1. The meeting agreed that the technical committee shall also provide a programme for further in-house workshops.
- 6.2. The meeting raised a concern that the Department of Constitutional Affairs had confirmed that they were working on research material concerning electoral systems, flowing from a request from the Executive Director, and sought clarity in this regard from the administration. The meeting also requested that, with the assistance of the TC2 secretariat, the convenor of the technical committee and the research department clarify their respective roles.

7. CLOSURE

- 7.1. The meeting closed at 13h10

Signed by Chairperson _____

