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**THE PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS OF AZANIA INPUT REGARDING:
THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE DEALING WITH THE INDEPENDENT
ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INDEPENDENT ELECTIONS COMMISSION
(I.E.C.) AND THE TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY (T.A.):**

The PAC proposes an independent T.A. with fully-fledged executive and legislative powers in its areas of jurisdiction (including elections) as it fully appears from the PAC's input on the Technical Committee dealing with the so-called T.E.C. (contained in another paper). According to the PAC proposals, the T.A. is truly independent and there is therefore no need for the I.E.C. to be independent of the T.A. Unlike the T.E.C. which has a sub-council on Elections and which sub-council may not interfere with the work of the I.E.C., the T.A. has no such sub-councils and the I.E.C. reports directly to the T.A.

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

The PAC supports the terms of reference submitted to the Technical Committee and wish to add that the Technical Committee make recommendations on the modus operandi of the relationship between the I.E.C. and the T.A.

THE INDEPENDENT ELECTIONS COMMISSION (I.E.C.)

1. The I.E.C. (Independent Elections Commission) shall be appointed by the Multi-Party process. Its decision shall be binding. It shall not be appointed by the State President.
2. The I.E.C. shall consist of 1 member for each of the parties that are going to contest the elections in their own right and name.
3. A specified number of the members of the I.E.C. will be assigned to members of the international organisations and they will function in a non-voting capacity.
4. Appointees must not be holding political office at the time of the functioning of the I.E.C.
5. Vacancies in the I.E.C. will be filled by the political party whose representative is withdrawn.

FUNCTIONING: Our views on functioning is the following:

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The I.E.C. shall be given the responsibility for the holding of free and fair elections.

STATUS OF THE I.E.C.:

1. It shall be independent of all government organisations.
2. The composition, powers and functions shall be enacted in the same legislation dealing with the T.A. This will be decided upon by negotiations.
3. The I.E.C. shall report to the T.A.
4. The I.E.C. shall supply written reports to the T.A. which will give effect to those decisions or enter into discussion with the I.E.C. in relation thereto.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND FINANCE:

The I.E.C. is accountable to the T.A. and funds will be provided by the regime through budgetary commission of the T.A.

COMPOSITION : The I.E.C. will consist of respected and suitably qualified persons drawn from a broad cross-section of the population who will be appointed by the T.A.

ELIGIBILITY OF VOTERS:

All persons verifiable as South African citizens of the age of 18 years and above will have the right to vote. These persons will include citizens of the TBVC states. Furthermore, in order to obtain the right to vote, a person must have been a resident in the country for the past 5 years.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS:

All parties intending to take part in elections must register with the T.A. which will supply such information to the I.E.C.

ADJUDICATION AND ARBITRATION:

The I.E.C. shall serve as an arbiter of any claim or disputes submitted by persons, parties, organisations, administrations and governments. In the arbitrations and appeals as aforesaid reports of members of the international

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To work out guidelines for the in[partiality of news and current affairs programmes on all broadcasting services.

To take punitive measures against broadcasters who violate provisions of the code of conduct, or to suspend or withdraw licences if licence conditions are not complied with.

To deal with complaints by the public and political parties.

Such other powers as may be expedient.

5. ACCOUNTABILITY, FINANCE AND REFERRAL:

The I.M.C. shall act independently but be accountable to the T.A.

It shall liaise with the T.A., and the I.E.C. (Independent Electoral Commission) on matters pertaining to these bodies.

Finance shall be provided by the regime through the budgetary Commission of the T.A.

6. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE I.M.C.:

It shall cease to exist when the Transitional Authority ceases to exist.