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Publication Standing Committee

Nature : Periodical briefing papers.

Objectives : In the framework of EC / SA relations, the periodical is intended to provide a line of communication from the SA majority to influential circles of the EC and its member countries.

In the short term the periodical briefing papers aim primarily at the implementation of the political part of the 1985 EC 2-track policy towards SA, i.e. the application of economic, financial, diplomatic and psychological pressure in order to induce the current SA minority regime to dismantle Apartheid and to negotiate transition to democratic rule.

In the long term the periodical should prepare for SA / European relations in a democratic SA.

The publication should provide well argued background information on actual events and subjects and situate them in the framework of the S.P. and the CEC Common Policy. Tools to be used can as well be background articles, extracts from recent documents, interviews with leading people in South Africa on certain topics, reportings about projects, illustrations of the day to day life of ordinary people under Apartheid.

IDAF - Research is prepared to look into the publications for verification on the content.

Target group : information and analysis are aimed at an audience of friends and potential friends of the SA majority as well as persons and organisations who are professionally involved in SA / EC relations. These include politicians, media workers, Eurocrats, the network of NGOs and their ramifications and any other interested person or organisation.

When a first publication is ready, contact will be taken with the different networks and organisations in order to have ideas on how the publication will be used and to whom it will be distributed by the networks/organisations.

General Contents 1. information, historical background and analysis of relevant developments in SA. Special attention will be given to developments and sectors of particular interest to SA / EC relations and - but not exclusively - the European Special Program.

2. The main part (2/3rd) of each issue will consist of a focus on a particular sector of society, e.g. education, human rights, housing, etc..

This focus will again mainly highlight background, analysis and a post-Apartheid outlook but also link up with the Special Programme.

3. In case urgent treatment of a sector other than the focus of a particular issue would be called for in the light of current developments, a 'sub-focus' section may be included.

4, One - or more - editorial column(s) will provide special stimulus for discussion and reflexion.

5. A section of letters from the projects in SA is planned.

6. Preferably cartoons will be also included.

Editorial Policy : Editorial duties will be carried out by an editorial collective appointed by the S.C. in the closest possible collaboration with the SA Partners. The SC will approve the general context of each issue beforehand. If feasible, each issue will also be submitted for approval to a board appointed for this purpose by the SA partners.

As a general rule, articles will be anonymous.

DRAFT SAMPLE OF CONTENT OF AN ISSUE

General Part : ca 6 pp.

Depends a lot on actual events in South Africa :  
examples of contributions :

the peace proposal ;

the conference on a democratic future ;

the UN-declaration on South Africa ;

the release of Nelson Mandela ;

the importance of trade South Africa - CEC ;

These contributions will clearly be put in the framework of the reasonings of our South African Partners and linked up to the CEC common policy and the demands of the Partners towards Europe and the international community.

As well in this general part there will be a contribution on the specific subject that has been chosen and link it with the broader analysis of events in South Africa and the world.

Example : in the contribution on "Education" we would use the recent reports of bad examinations results of black students as a point of departure and point out the consequences for a future South African society but as well put it in the context of the South African demand to East Germans to immigrate into South Africa.

Draft sample of Focus on Education (8 pp)  
Different contributions will highlight the :

1. Actual State of Education in SA.

(info : Survey of Race Relations / WUS - Briefing papers. Emphasis on Apartheid structures in Education ; Repression against education and educationalists ; People's Education ; Support to Education by external agencies)

2. Youth in SA and (lack of) Education.

3. Educational Policy for a future South Africa.  
(Interview with someone from the NECC)

4. Article on Bursary Programmes.  
(Focus on some programmes which use non-traditional tools to select students and to prepare them for university studies).

5. Article on "Alternative Education Efforts"  
(interview with or article on CBEP - Ian Charett Hivos ; interview with someone from a community organisation on an alternative education programme.)

6. Article on Trade Union Training / Skills (as one aspect of community training).

7. Role of Universities (now and in the future) : via interview ?

8. Language and its role on education (reference to historical role of Afrikaans as a medium for education).

9. Extracts from "What is History" - NECC - project.

10. Other aspects ? Depending on contributions of organisations.

Draft Sample of Focus on Human Rights (8 pp.)

1. Crime against humanity : (3 pp.)

Article on structural violence, i.e. Apartheid's inherent violations of human rights such as :

- . discrimination is in constitution ;
- . violations of essential freedoms : movement, opinion, association etc.
- . migrant labour ;
- . robbing of citizenship ;
- . right to education ;
- . health care / malnutrition (compare to whites)
- . housing - group areas.

«etc.

With ample reference to international law and standards.

2. Enforcement of a crisis against humanity (3 pp.)

Background paper on repression and current situation ;

a. security legislation 1960s to present  
nature of political trials ; high treason (info IDAF)  
state of emergency powers ;  
detention and imprisonment of prisoners of conscience ;

death penalty and death row conditions ;  
(if possible a report by a chaplain)  
bannings, restrictions.

b. Informal / Extra legal Repression : vigilantes, assassinations,  
intimidation ...

Ce National security management system and what replaces it under FW

d. Prisoners of war / Geneva Convention Issue

3. What next FW ? (2 pp.)

One can reform a criminal but not the crime ...

. History of the reality of "reforms", e.g. influx control to immigration laws.

. the roots of Apartheid : Population Registration Act : How to dismantle and outroot Apartheid ?

4, Inserts : Latest repression figures (Amnesty International / IDAF)  
quotes from international tribunals  
quotes from trials, inquests etc.  
quotes from European convention Human Rights.