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ATTN: Working Group of the Negotiations Forum

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To the Working Group of the Multi-Party Negotiations Forum:

I am writing on behalf of the Panel of Religious Leaders for Electoral Justice in South Africa. The Panel is composed of leaders of every major religious faith in South Africa. It is a unique non-partisan grouping which is capable of staying above the political process. For this reason, the Panel is in a special position to monitor the transition to democracy, and to help guarantee a free and fair electoral process. Among its members are Bishop Mogopa, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and Reverend Frank Chikane.

To help achieve these ends the Panel has produced a Code of Conduct for the elections. The Code includes guidelines on political party behaviour before, during and after the election. The entire Panel is also meeting on 26-27 October to determine how it can contribute to free and fair elections, and to review the legislation for levelling the playing field produced by the Multi-Party Negotiating Forum.

I would like to request a meeting between a delegation from the Panel and the working group of the Multi-Party Negotiating Forum in November. The meeting would provide an opportunity for the Panel to formally present its Code of Conduct, to share the outcome of its 26-27 October meeting, and to offer any contribution it might to both the Negotiating Forum and the Transitional Executive Council. I understand the fact the working group is very busy, but I feel that such a meeting could be extremely important. I would appreciate it if you would reply promptly with any possible date and time in November for a meeting. The Panel is very flexible in this regard because it views a dialogue between itself and the Negotiating Forum as a major priority.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at the above phone number, extension 255, or fax number.

With thanks
Sincerely,



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