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HARARE MEETING REPORT

3-4 NOVEMBER 1990

1. BACKGROUND

Responding to a directive from the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) convened a meeting of all South African Sports Administrators in Harare on the 3-4 November 1990.

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was intended to critically evaluate the state of affairs in the South African Sports Movement in general and in specific Olympic codes, in particular. The routo to international participation of South African sport, including obstacles on the way, was to be spelt out at this two - day meeting. The meeting was never intended for an announcement of South Africa's participation internationally much to the disappointment of some establishment sport administrators.

3. DELEGATIONS

One of the objectives of Sam Ramsamy's August 1990 visit to South Africa was to advise ANOCA on the composition of the delegations to this meeting, from the organisations that he would have consulted with.

The following South African multi-sport organisations attended the conference:-

S.A. Council on Sport (SACOS); Confederation of S.A. Sport (COSAS); S.A. National Olympic Committee (SANOC); and the National Olympic and Sports Congress of South Africa (NSC). Representatives from the following South African Sports Codes also attended the meeting: Athletics; Football; Amateur Boxing; Hockey; Swimming; Cymnastics; Volleyball; Tabletennis; Tennis; Rugby and Cricket.

4. OPENING

The meeting was opened at 09h10 on the 3 November 1990 by Comrade Tommy Sithole of the Zimbabwe Olympic Committee (ZOC). Mr Sithole who in addition to being ZOC President, also is President of ANOCA Zone VI and an Executive Member of ANOCA introduced the members from the African Sports Movement. These included:-

J C GANGA (ANOCA President); Z MAKONI (Secretary for Sports Coordination in Fresident Gabtiel Mugabe's Office - who also welcomed the delegates); M GLOVER (SCSA President and Cabinet Minister from Mauritius); PROF ASOMBA (Secretary of ANOCA and IOC member from Cameroun); MR M KAMARA (V.P of ANOCA from Mauritania); MAJOR GENERAL NYANGWESO (V P of ANOCA and IOC member); LAMINE BA (SCSA Secretary General from Cameroun); LAMINE DIACK (V P of International Amateur Athletics Union and Deputy speaker of the House of Assembly in Senegal); ISA HAYATOU (CAF President); I BHAMJEE (Treasurer of ANOCA Zone VI, CAF Executive Member and President Chairperson of SAN-ROC); F KIDANE (Advisor to IOC and President of ICAAS).

The key address delivered by J C Ganga followed Cde Makoni's welcoming of delegates. A copy of the key note address is enclosed.

5. PRIVATE MEETING

Individual multi-sport delegations were invited to brief the representatives of the African Sports Movement on the activities within each organisation at both macro and micro level. The African Sports Movement is known to include ANOCA; Union of African Sports Confederation (UCSA), the Supreme Council for Sports in Africa (SCSA).

The NSC presented the enclosed document to the forum, copies of which were also distributed to the other three multi-sport organisations as well as to individual members of the African Sports Movement and the press. Additional input was provided by members of each delegation subject to the 5 and later the 3 minute ANOCA ruling regarding duration of inputs.

Dr D Craven (SARB) and Messrs G Dakin (SACU) and J Barnard (SATU) requested to be part of the NSC delegation as observers but were later allowed to speak. M Winn (SARRA) was invited to the conference as part of the NSC delegation.

It became clear at the NSC meeting that Mr Barnard came to Harare expecting an announcement against the Sports Moratorium while Dr Craven's position on who his boss is, was wildly reported in the local press.

6. PLENARY SESSION

On Sunday the 4 November 1990, all participants took part in a plenary session where ANOCA President J C Ganga read out proposals that the African Sports Movement had developed from the briefing of the individual delegations as well as Sam Ramsamy's South African visit report. The proposals contained in the enclosed press release included the following:-

NSC - SANOC - SAN-ROC TASK FORCE

The 5 man Task Force was dissolved to be replaced by an 8-man Committee consisting of Presidents from each of the multi-sport organisations together with one other representative except for COSAS where only one was invited. A representative of SAN-ROC will function as the eighth member of the committee whose brief is to include:-

- . active cc-ordination of efforts to dismantle apartheid
- ensuring the optoblishment of sports codes
- ensuring the establishment of an olympic movement for South Africa

This Committee will report, periodically, to a Monitoring Commission that will be appointed by the ANOCA President, and which will monitor developments on behalf of the ANOCA President. The first meeting of the Committee will be chaired by Sam Ramsamy in South Africa.

ii) NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Suggestions were invited from all concerned regarding the need and content of a National conference, to take place sometime in 1991.

iii) FOREIGN COACHES

There was support for the idea of allowing foreign coaches to come to South Africa for the express purpose of empowering the disadvantaged sports persons. This was to be done without watering down the campaign to isolate racist sport, which was to be maintained until more significant changes towards an irreversible process, were underway.

OBSERVER STATUS iv)

Some kind of recognition will be granted to those sports codes who at the recommendation of the Monitoring Commission have succeeded in integrating their code. This recognition may take the form of membership without participation in competitions. This has created a lot of confusion, particularly in soccer circles where the initial perception was that SAFA was to be granted the observer status. Reports thereafter quoted the ANOCA President as saying that with organisations such as SANFA still outside that process, such recognition was premature.

HOSPITALITY

Other than the delay resulting from VISA applications, at Harare Airport, our stay in Harare was very enjoyable. We were housed at two of Harare's top hotels, the Sheraton and the Monomatapa.

We attended a cocktail party at the beautiful Football Stadium of Harare and were even given spending money!! -

There was enough time to socialise and to share views with the leadership of the S.A. Sports Movement.

We hope that procedural matters pertaining to the recommendations will be clarified by the time the 5 December 1990 IOC meeting takes place.

COSAS and SACOS reacted to the 8-man committee recommendation by requesting that they be allowed the opportunity of discussing the subject within their respective organisations and would revert to ANOCA as soon as that process is completed. Participants were urged to submit their representatives before the end of November 1990.

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