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09:00 - 13:00

Chairperson : Prof F H Francisco-La Grange

PROGRAMME

08:30 : Arrival of delegates

08:45 : Tea and Coffee

09:00 : Commencement of proceedings

1 1 :00 : Tea and Coffee

1 1 :15 : Continuation of proceedings

13:00 : Lunch

SECTION A : PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS

A.1 Prof F H Francisco-La Grange to welcome all participants to the meeting.

A.2 Representatives to introduce themselves.

A.3 Approval of the minutes for the previous meeting.

A.4 Adoption of the agenda.

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SECTION B : WORK PROGRAMME

B.1 ELECTION OF THE ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE

Review: At the previous meeting of the Steering Committee the necessity to elect an Arrangement Committee was noted. The elected committee will organise and make all necessary arrangements for the envisaged Working Conference on Marriage and Family Life.

Next Action Steps:

- The meeting to discuss and elect the Arrangement Committee.
- The meeting to discuss the parameters within which the Arrangement Committee will operate.

3.2 THE THEME FOR THE WORKING CONFERENCE

Review: At the previous meeting of the Steering Committee it was decided that the theme of the Working Conference could be: "Enabling families to cope with present day challenges on a personal, family, community, regional and national level".

Due to poor representation at the previous meeting, representatives could give further inputs on the theme of the Working Conference.

Next Action Steps:

- Representatives to affirm the theme of the Working Conference.
- The meeting to discuss and decide on future action steps.

8.3 COMMUNICATION WITH POLITICAL PARTIES AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Review: At the previous meeting of the Steering Committee it was agreed that notification in the name of this Steering Committee on planning regarding the Working Conference and the process it has taken to date should be communicated to all political parties at the negotiations at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park as well as religious institutions.

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Next Action Steps:

- The Secretariat to report on the progress made in this regard.
- The meeting to discuss and give further guidance on future actions to be taken.

B.4 PRESS RELEASE

Review: A press release has been drafted and sent to various newspapers in South Africa (ANNEXURE A).

Next Action Step:

- '- The meeting to discuss the content of the press release and decide on future action steps.

8.5 DATE OF THE WORKING CONFERENCE

Review: A final decision should be taken whether the Working Conference should be held before or after the elections in 1994. It should be kept in mind that the Day of the Family of the United Nations has been scheduled for 15 May 1993.

Next Action Step:

- .. The meeting to discuss and suggest an the actual date of the Working Conference.

SECTION C : DATEI TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

C.1 Date : To be discussed

C.2 Time : To be decided

C.3 Venue : To be decided

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ANNEXURE A

PRESS RELEASE

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PROPOSED WORKING CONFERENCE TO ENABLE FAMILIES  
TO COPE WITH PRESENT DAY CHALLENGES

The upliftment and protection of the family has become an urgent priority for the well-being of our country and cannot be delayed. It must be kept in mind that people responsible for violence as well as those suffering from its effects, are all members of families. Violence is only one of the many threats that families face today.

In this regard the Committee for Marriage and Family Life (CMF) of the South African Welfare Council (SAWC) has embarked on a process of consultation with representatives of churches, political parties and welfare bodies to find a way of addressing the crisis in family life in South Africa.

On 7 July 1993 a Steering Committee was convened to discuss the possibility of a Working Conference during the course of 1994 to coincide with the International Year of the Family. Future strategies to enable families to cope with present day challenges, on a personal, family, community, regional and national level have to be formulated.

A second meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for 7 August 1993 where details of the Working Conference and other steps required will be discussed. An effort is being made to ensure participants at the Conference are as representative as possible.

An appeal is made to each individual organisation and interest group to support this very important initiative and not to disregard the importance of the upliftment of marriage and family life, or the problems associated with the disintegration of families.

Organisations and individual representatives who need information can contact the Secretariat at

(012) 3414313 and address their enquiries to Estelle du Plessis and Aaron Mudimeli.

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