

THE NATAL CHURCH LEADERS' GROUP

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10 January 1992

Dear Theuns,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Natal Church Leaders' Group and enclose a copy of its Mission Statement for information.

The Group met with Mr John Hall on 5 December 1991 and discussed a wide range of issues relating to the National Peace Accord and the conflict in Natal.

Arising from this meeting, I was requested to contact the Management Committee to request a meeting between delegates from the Natal group to CODESA and the Natal Church Leaders' Group.

The purpose of the meeting will be to brief the church leaders on the various aspects of CODESA and how the churches will be able to facilitate the peace process in Natal.

The meeting will take place on Thursday 30 January at 16h30 at the Ecumenical Centre (20 St Andrews Street, Durban) and supper will be provided for the participants.

May I ask you to take this request to the Management Committee meeting scheduled for Monday 13 January please.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



PETER KERCHHOFF
Secretary

The Natal Church Leaders Group - a mission statement

The Natal Church Leaders Group is an informal and autonomous association of the recognised leaders of the following churches operating in the province of Natal:

Church of the Province of Southern Africa
Methodist Church of Southern Africa
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa
Presbyterian Church of Africa
Roman Catholic Church
United Congregational Church of Southern Africa

It is hoped that the ecumenical base of the group will broaden to include other churches in the region.

The NCLG was formed on 7 May 1988 in response to the crisis in the Province arising out of the political violence that by the end of 1990 had taken over 4000 lives, destroyed immense amounts of property and turned thousands of families into refugees.

The Group meets on a regular (usually monthly) basis and its membership comprises the leaders of the above mentioned churches. In addition the NCLG is able to call on a number of advisors, facilitators and consultants to assist in its deliberations and work. Included among these are representatives of the regional Councils of Churches in Natal, the Vuleka Trust, Diakonia, PACSA, the South African Council of Churches, and Standing for the Truth Campaign. Any decisions made are by consensus and in no way inhibit the leadership of the particular churches from acting individually as they see fit.

The NCLG sees its mission as being a body through which the Church leaders can act decisively in crisis situations, through informing themselves of the issues underlying the crisis, supporting each other in collective or denominational action, and through collective attempts at mediation, peacemaking, crisis relief, solidarity with the victims of violence, and prophetic challenge.

Among the variety of interventions open to the NCLG are the following:

- * Offers to mediate and facilitate peace talks between warring parties.
- * Negotiating with the state and challenging it to take appropriate action to help resolve the conflict and its causes.
- * Informing clergy and laypeople of the issues that underlie the violence so that more informed decision making may be made by Christians at every level of involvement.
- * Training in conflict handling.
- * Supporting each other in crisis situations.
- * Supporting appropriate interventions by other bodies aimed at addressing the crisis.
- * Acting through immediate responses, pastoral visits and crisis relief (usually through the Natal Crisis Fund) to bring care and hope to the victims of violence.
- * Planning for reconstruction when the violence ends.



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Dear Mr Kerchhoff

Thank you for your letter of 10 January 1992, requesting a meeting of delegates from the Natal group to CODESA and the Natal Church Leaders' Group.

The matter was raised at the meeting of the Management Committee on 13 January 1992 and your request referred to the Daily Management Committee [who have approved it].

I attach a list of the Management Committee representatives of the 19 official delegations to CODESA, together with their contact details. These representatives should certainly be able to put you in touch with relevant CODESA members from their offices or Natal branches.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

THEUNS ELOFF
for CODESA

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FT Mdlalose	Inkatha Freedom Pty
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PJ Gordhan	NIC/TIC	031-309-3463 031-309-2278 F
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DAILY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT
THE JAN SMUTS HOLIDAY INN ON MONDAY 13 JANUARY 1992 AT 16H00**

ADOPTED AT THE DMC MEETING OF 20 JANUARY 1992

PRESENT:

Z de Beer (chair)
P Gordhan
P Hendrickse
F Mdlalose
R Meyer
SS Ripinga
Z Titus
J Zuma

M Maharaj
SS van der Merwe

E Cosser (recording)
T Eloff
P Saxby (minutes)

1. Chairmanship

It was agreed that Dr Z de Beer should chair this and the next meeting, and that future MC and DMC chairpersonship should be determined at the next meeting of the DMC.

2. Next Meeting of the DMC

This will take place on Monday 20 January at 08h00 at the World Trade Centre.

3. Applications for Inclusion in the CODESA Process

3.1 It was decided that copies of applications received to date should be timeously couriered to DMC members in order to inform their contributions to discussions on this issue at the next meeting of the DMC.

3.2 It was agreed that each application should be acknowledged in the appropriate manner.

3.3 Current Applications

3.3.1 Political Parties/Organisations

3.3.1.1 It was agreed that work should begin immediately on the gathering of information on each of these organisations in order to establish guidelines on qualifications for inclusion in the CODESA process.

3.3.1.2 The meeting agreed that these guidelines should be tabled at the next DMC meeting.

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3.3.2 International Organisations

It was agreed that these organisations should be advised that only the representatives of governments and multi-lateral organisations such as the United Nations and Commonwealth were accorded observer status at CODESA 1, and that no final decision has yet been reached on the question of observers at CODESA 2.

3.3.3 Sundry Interest Groups

It was agreed that these applications should be declined on the understanding that such interest groups will be welcome to submit representations to the five working groups on matters relevant to their terms of reference.

4. Security

It was agreed that Colonel Venter and Mr M Shaik should be requested to attend the DMC meeting on 20 January in order to report to the Committee on this matter.

5. Media

It was agreed that the Secretariat and its staff will continue to attend to routine announcements and that the members of the Media Subcommittee should be informed of the MC's decision not to appoint a full-time media liaison officer. It was further agreed that the Secretariat may call upon the Media Subcommittee members for assistance if and when necessary.

6. Working Groups

6.1 It was agreed that each Working Group should be convened at its first session on 20 January by a member of the DMC. Thereafter, recommendations will be made by the DMC regarding an appropriate mechanism for the chairing of Working Group meetings.

6.2 DMC members are distributed amongst Working Groups as follows:

*	Working Group 1	J Zuma
*	Working Group 2	-
*	Working Group 3	P Gordhan, R Meyer and P Hendrickse
*	Working Group 4	F Mdlalose
*	Working Group 5	SS Ripinga

It was decided that while Dr Z de Beer and Mr Z Titus were not in any Working Group, one or both them would convene Working Group 2.

It was agreed that a list of delegates to the five Working Groups should be available at the next meeting of the DMC in order to inform its final decision in this regard.

6.3 An appropriate draft agenda for the Working Groups will be finalised at the next meeting of the DMC.

- 6.4 It was agreed that the convenors of the five Working Group meetings on 20 January should make recommendations to those Working Groups concerning the duration of their meetings on that day, and that such recommendations should be informed by further discussions on this matter at the next DMC meeting.

7. **Natal Church Leaders' Group**

It was agreed that copies of the request from this group for a meeting with representatives from CODESA should be sent to all DMC members in order to inform a decision in this regard, facilitated by the Secretariat, at the next meeting of the DMC.

8. **Tasks of the Secretariat**

It was agreed that a list of Secretariat duties should be made available to all DMC members at the committee's next meeting.

The meeting closed.