

FORUM FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

Co-ordination Committee, 2 December, 1994

Record of Decisions and Issues Raised

1. Record of Decisions of Meeting of Co-ordination Committee on 25 November, 1994 (F 038 Rev 1/CC).

This was approved.

2. The Social and Economic Consequences of Peace and Economic Reconstruction - document F 004/Rev 2/CC.

The proposals in the document were endorsed, subject to its being slightly amended to take account of points raised as to financial additionality and to the economic and social reintegration of victims of violence. In regard to issues raised about the treatment of the British subvention in the study to be undertaken by economic consultants, it was noted that the Secretariat would consult the Co-ordination Committee further, both on the consultants to be engaged and on the brief to be given to them.

3. Administrative Arrangements in regard to Economic Aid Packages in support of the Peace Process.

Certain concerns were expressed in regard to such arrangements. It was agreed that the Secretariat would consult the appropriate authorities and supply information to the Committee's next meeting on the position and intentions in regard to such arrangements. Reference was made to the possibility that the Forum might offer timely advice on this subject.

4. Chairperson's Time

Arising from experience at the meeting of the Forum on 25 November, the Committee reviewed its previous decision on this matter - set out in paragraph 5 of document F 014, the record of decisions taken at the Committee's meeting on 11 November, 1994. It was agreed that the procedure would be suspended, pending the Secretariat submitting proposals to the Committee's next meeting on how best to accommodate the range of views expressed by Committee members.

5. Progress Report on Arrangements for Public Session on 16 December, 1994.

The Secretary General reported on the satisfactory progress being made. Draft programmes for this session (F 032/Rev1/CC) and for a public session, proposed to be held on 20 January on the Social Implications of Conflict and of Peace (F/046) were circulated. Delegations were asked to advise the Secretariat of any views they might have on the proposals for 20 January.

6. Agenda for meeting of Forum on 9 December, 1994.

This was agreed.

7. Representation in Forum.

It was suggested that consideration might be given to allowing the Group of Independent Senators to have their own, single but additional full member in the Forum. It was indicated by other smaller groups that current arrangements in regard to substitute members were unsatisfactory for them. A query was raised as to whether delegations could make changes among their full and alternate members in the light of changed circumstances. It was agreed that the Secretariat might bring appropriate proposals on these representation issues to the next meeting of the Co-ordination Committee, with due regard to the desirability of reasonable stability in participation in the Forum and continuity in its deliberations.

8. Timetable for Committee's meetings

It was agreed that Committee meetings should commence at 9.00 a.m. in order to allow a half-hour interval between the conclusion of the meetings of the Co-ordination Committee and the commencement of plenary Forum meetings. This would provide the opportunity for delegation meetings before the Plenary meeting.

9. Other matters

In response to queries, the Secretariat responded on

- the letter sent to Southern local newspapers seeking submissions from the public
- submissions received to date
- the media in which the Forum advertisement for submissions had been placed
- media coverage, arrangements and intentions.