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WHY THE PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE APC WAS NOT HELD ON 15.11.91 AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED

The NP did not want to go ahead with the Preparatory Meeting because, according to them, the IFP insisted that only the ANC, NP and IFP should attend the Preparatory Meeting. The ANC's position was that at least ten parties should attend the Preparatory Meeting. After consulting with other parties, the ANC then proposed that all parties should attend the Preparatory Meeting. The Preparatory Meeting was then scheduled for 20.11.91.

The NP, once again, did not want to go ahead with the Preparatory Meeting because, according to them, the IFP was opposed to the convenorship of the APC including the two religious leaders - viz. Johan Heyns and Stanley Mogoba. Their position was that the Chief Justice should convene the APC on his own.

This resulted in a further delay. The ANC's position was that the convenorship of the APC should be decided upon at the Preparatory Meeting. It has now finally been agreed that the Preparatory Meeting would be held on 29 November 1991. All parties would attend this meeting and would be allocated three delegates each. A proposal for the date of the first meeting of the APC has also been agreed to. The proposed date for the APC is 20 and 21 December 1991.

It has been agreed that both the NP and the ANC would announce these dates today. The Preparatory Meeting would decide upon inter alia the date, venue, agenda and chairpersons for the APC.

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