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Dear friends,

The Van Loggerenberg Committee

In April of this year, Magnus Malan announced the setting up of the Van Loggerenberg Committee, a committee with much the same terms of reference as its predecessor, the Geldenhuys Committee. Both were set up to investigate the manpower needs of the defence force, and inter alia, the system of alternative national service. The Churches and the End Conscription Campaign were amongst some of the groupings that presented submissions to the Geldenhuys Committee.

COSG is concerned that the same concerted effort should be made with regard to the Van Loggerenberg Committee as was made for the Geldenhuys Committee. For your reference we therefore enclose a copy of the parliamentary debate of 20 April, 1989 (as contained in Hansard), as this is the only documentary indication of the Committee's terms of reference. We would like to encourage your organisation to make submissions to the Van Loggerenberg Committee. The Committee sits once a month to consider new submissions and as yet, has not given itself a cut off date. The secretary of the committee envisages the committee sitting until the middle of next year, but we would recommend that submissions reach the committee by at least March of next year.

Submissions should be sent to:

The Van Loggerenberg Committee Attention: Brig.D.J.Jacobs Private Bag X161 Pretoria 0001

Enquiries: Brig.Jacobs at (012) 3139911.

We would suggest that submissions are co-ordinated through COSG. May we therefore ask that you contact our office in order to inform us whether or not your group will be making submissions to the Committee. Some organisations may want to submit a joint document to the committee and we could facilitate this once we have received responses from the different groupings.

We trust to hear from you in this regard.

Yours faithfully

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