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Minutes of the National Phone Meeting 17 December 1991

1. Regions represented:

Cape Town - Kevin

Durban - Illa and Haydn (staff)

Johannesburg - Chris (chair) and Nan (staff)

Pt.Elizabeth - Glen

Apologies:

Grahamstown and East London

Not contactable:

Bloemfontein, Pietermaritzburg, Pretoria

2. Replacement for Fieldworker (Haydn's post).

The proposal to replace Haydn with a monitor working mainly for ECC but under the auspices of Idasa was discussed. Arguments in favour of appointing a replacement for Haydn include: the positive humanitarian values of the job, the only longterm serious project that ECC has undertaken, a boost for ECC in the black community;

Arguments against were: Limited organisational gains, except possibly in the Natal area, failure to make effective use of the material, and difficulty in getting the material.

The Treasurer confirmed that we will have the resources to finance a post for another year, and Haydn confirmed that IDASA has been consulted and that there are two possible candidates for the job.

Chris proposed that we accept in principle the proposal to keep a field worker, in collaboration with another organisation.

It was <u>agreed</u> that Haydn will send a more detailed proposal and a job description to all regions, and that a decision on the matter be taken at the national committee meeting in February.

- 2. Replacement for national office worker (Nan's post)
 Johannesburg to handle this if it is confirmed that Kathryn will
 not be available. Nan available to stay on in January.
- 3. Next national committee meeting.
 This will consist of one person from each region and will take place in Durban on the weekend of 16-17 February 1992. Durban to work out the agenda: Please submit items to Illa.
- 4. Meeting with Roelf Meyer. Chris reported tht there had been no response from the Ministry to Haydn's letter requesting an interview. (Chris had also followed this up by phone.) He therefore proposed that we now go public with an open letter to be released to the press.
- 5. Other items:
 5.1 Haydn has been invited to be part of the Military Research
 Group which will meet once a month in Johannesburg. He may need
 financial help from ECC for travelling costs. Place on agenda for

5.2 Nan reported on the huge number of call-up queries after the insert of the ECC pamphlet in the Star (and some very strong anti-ECC responses). Unofficial stats regarding non-reporting have been obtained from conscripts and will be circulated to the regions.

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