Proposal of structure of evidence to be presented to parliamentry committee

A) Why does ECC exist?

The problem of conscription. The role of the SADF. Troops in Townships, Namibia and Angola. The moral delima this poses for many conscripts. Some leave the country. The lack of alternatives.

B) Legality of ECC/ Right of it to exist

- 1) What is ECC?: Brief history. Broad range of support we enjoy. List of individuals who have endorsed our campaign. The front. UN and Geldenhuis evidence. Constructive opposition to system of conscription.
- 2) ECC's demands: principles, interim demands. United around issue of conscription.
- 3) What does ECC do: campaigns for a change in the law. Structures, activists mode of operation. Look at the constructive methods of our work.
- 4) Current Activities:Look at programme of action for the year re alt service.

C) Political Strategy behind the Bill

- 1) The Bill baims and purposes of the bill. Look at the stated purpose for the introduction of the bill. Provide our own analysis of the proposed restrictions on foreign and local funding: aimed at opposition groupings & and orgs have the right to receive money. Defenition of political in the bill? What about aid money?
- 2) Legal argument: Detailed examination of the bill and the flawed nature of it.
- 3) ECC and the bill: Context in which bill is being introduced. Look at previous restrictions that have faced ECC: detentions, Sate of Emergency, banning of meetings. But no-one ever charged under emergency regs. Has been an attempt to restrict a legal lawful activity. Also has been extra legal attacks on ECC eg SADF smear campaign.

d) Conclusion

Worried about implimentation and the effect of bill in terms of increased international pressure, prolonging the S of E, putting curbs on peaceful change etc. Hope our evidence will be taken into consideration.

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