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P.O. BOX 13197 HUMEWOOD  
6013 PORT ELIZABETH  
SOUTH AFRICA

3 March 1992

## HUMAN RIGHTS LOBBY GROUP FOR THE NEW CONSTITUTION

Dear Colleague in the South African Human Rights Movement

I refer you to my letters of July 1991 and 22 January 1992, inviting your organisation to participate in a workshop on 9 - 10 April 1992 in Port Elizabeth. The purpose of this workshop is to thrash out unanimity on the issues around a future Bill of Rights and construct a formal lobby group.

I now wish to inform you that the workshop has been postponed to the two days of 2 - 3 June 1992, in Port Elizabeth. Arrangements for accommodation and travelling are being investigated.

As I have not so far received any communication from yourselves to any of my letters, I would appreciate a note telling me whether you are interested in being kept on our mailing list or not, and whether you wish to participate in our workshop in June.

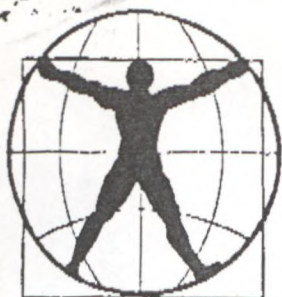
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RORY RIORDAN  
DIRECTOR

Replied - accepted invite - 12-8-92





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We would therefore appreciate, either by return fax or letter, the name of the delegate attending from your organisation so that we can make the travel arrangements immediately. If you wish to send another person, please let us know the flight to be booked the delegates on from the following departure points:

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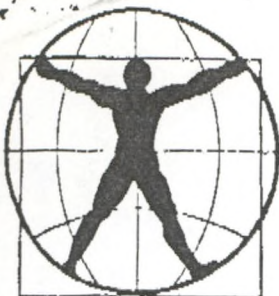
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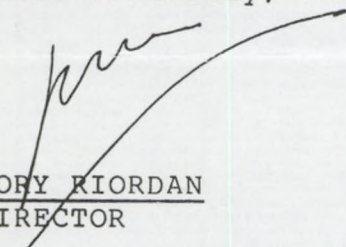
With reference to my two letters sent to you in July 1991 and later that same year, I have now assembled all the replies and comments received on a future Bill of Rights for South Africa.

I am therefore now in a position to inform you that a two day workshop, to thrash out unanimity on the issues around a future Bill of Rights and construct a formal lobby group, is planned for 9-10 April 1992 in Port Elizabeth, and this letter is to ask you to diarise these dates now so that we can have as representative a workshop as possible.

Please note that I am attempting to raise sufficient funds to pay for travel and accommodation for delegates to the workshop, and further information on this aspect will follow.

Meanwhile kindly acknowledge this letter and inform us how many delegates from your organisation would like to attend the workshop. Can you please suggest to them to keep the dates open?

Yours sincerely,

  
ROBY RIORDAN  
DIRECTOR



## NOTES ON A FUTURE BILL OF RIGHTS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

The first meeting of the proposed lobby group on human rights provisions for the future South African Constitution and Bill of Rights requested a set of principles that would underpin the lobby group's detailed proposals.

A meeting of an invited committee came up with the following guidelines:

1. The future South African Constitution and Bill of Rights should in all ways be consistent with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
2. The issues on which controversy and disagreement can be expected include the following:
  - i) Second and Third Generation Rights - whether they should be constitutionalised and, if yes, how;
  - ii) Affirmative Action - whether it should be constitutionalised and, if yes, how;
  - iii) Quotas as mechanisms for constitutionalising affirmative action.
  - iv) Capital Punishment - should it be prohibited?
  - v) Abortion - should abortion on request be allowed?
  - vi) Property rights - and land rights - should they be constitutionalised, and, if yes, how;
  - vii) Minority and group rights - what is meant by them, what is legitimately to be constitutionalised and, if so, how;
  - viii) Should rights issues be heard by - ordinary courts;  
- a special division of the Appeal Court;  
- a Constitutional Court;  
- other mechanisms, and if so, what; and how?
  - ix) Gay rights and rights to privacy - are they separate from other personal rights?
  - x) Freedom to dissociate - separate from the right to privacy?
  - xi) Anti-discrimination measures, including hate speech.

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