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Dear Sir/Madam

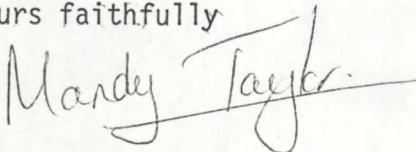
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

A national consultation about the future of anti-militarisation work in South Africa is being planned with the co-operation and agreement of all the organisations involved in this area. The Conscientious Objector Support Group (COSG) has been mandated by those organisations to oversee the process of pulling the consultation together.

I now enclose an application for funding for this consultation. Should there be any queries with any aspect of our application, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or telephone number.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully



COSG National Worker



## CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE AROUND ANTI-MILITARISATION WORK

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### 1. Motivation for Proposal

The End Conscription Campaign (ECC) was restricted in August 1988. Since then the different elements of work which had been covered by ECC, have been taken up by a number of diverse organisations. This strategy has enabled anti-militarisation work to continue in spite of the restriction of ECC, but has had the negative effect of greatly diminishing our overall public impact.

Now, a year after the restriction of ECC, there is a general consensus amongst the organisations involved in anti-militarisation work, that there is an urgent need for a consultative conference. Such a conference would provide an overview of the area, and would facilitate a possible restructuring of our work in order to become more effective.

The primary purpose of such a conference would therefore be:

- i. to conceptualise this area of work, particularly assessing changes that have occurred during the last year, eg. troops returning to SA from Namibia and Angola; increased use of black troops and vigilante forces in township areas.
- ii. to set up better co-ordinating structures between those organisations involved in this area and/or to develop new initiatives to more effectively take forward anti-militarisation work.

### 2. Consultation

The project has been preceded by a thorough process of consultation between the different organisations involved in this area of work, and between the different regions. On the basis of these consultations, a paper was drawn up for discussion by regional workshops. The paper sought to present the different options being considered by different organisations and regions.  
(See Annexure A)

Representatives from a broad range of organisations attended the regional workshops which were held in Johannesburg, Pretoria, Durban, Pietermaritzburg, East London, Grahamstown, Port Elizabeth, Stellenbosch and Cape Town. Each workshop will be sending representatives to the national workshop.

In order to facilitate communication between regions and organisations, the COSG national worker was mandated to travel to all the regions. She helped



motivate the national consultative conference and helped run the regional workshops. (This trip has been included in the budget).

### 3. Details of National Consultative Conference

3.1. Dates: Friday 13 October - Sunday 15 October, 1989

3.2. Venue: Johannesburg

3.3. Representation: 10 reps from the Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban workshops respectively.

4 reps from the workshops of the smaller regions.

Organisations which will be represented:

- The Conscription Advice Service
- The Conscientious Objectors' Support Group
- The Churches Alternative Service Programme
- The National Community Servers Group
- The Alternative National Service Project
- The Namibian Information Group (Cape Democrats)
- The Jodac Anti-Militarisation Group
- NUSAS anti-militarisation sub-committees
- Black Sash anti-militarisation sub-committees
- The registrar of objectors
- The Give our Sons a Choice initiative
- Reps from UDF white affiliate organisations (DDA, GRADAC, PEAC, ELAF).

### 3.4. Proposed Agenda:

3.4.1. Lessons from our history - an assessment of the strengths/weaknesses of war resistance in SA over the past years.

#### 3.4.2. Assessing the past year

- 2.1. National organisation reports
- 2.2. Regional reports
- 2.3. National assessment

#### 3.4.3. Looking at the broader context

State of the nation and state of militarisation

#### 3.4.4. The Way Forward

4.1. Setting objectives for war resistance work

4.2. Options for future work:

- Reviving ECC
- Initiating a new national organisation, focussing on conscription or more broadly on militarisation
- Developing a Peace Movement
- Improving regional and national co-ordination between existing anti-militarisation organisations



BUDGET FOR NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE

Approximate numbers: 60 people  
 Length of conference: 2 1/2 days

Conference Site Costs:

1. Accommodation	R16	x	60 people	R960
2. Food	R40	x	60 people	R2400
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				R3360

Transport

1. CT - JHB (return) Car hire and petrol	R720	x	4	R2880
2. Dbn - JHB (return) Car hire and petrol	R570	x	4	R2280
3. E.Cape - JHB (return) Car hire and petrol	R660	x	3	R1980
4. Pretoria and Johannesburg travel				R300
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				R7440

Administration  
 (Telephone, photostating and postage) R400

Consultation to facilitate regional workshops  
 1 budget saver 5-stop SAA ticket R570

TOTAL R11770

ESS: Contribution by delegates  
 R40 x 60 R2400  
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**END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN (ECC)**

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