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A) ROLE AND FUNCTION OF AREA COMMITTEE FOR NEXT 14 MONTHS.

- 1) To receive regular feed-back from affiliate organisations re: activities and work being undertaken in various areas. This with a view to co-ordinating activities and work for greater effect. Also, to assist organisations with inadequate resources or personnel.
- 2) To liaise with Area Committees from other areas in order to keep abreast with activities and issues in such areas. This would enable our Area Committee to give support to such activities and issues and to formulate programmes via which our Area Committee can actively assist in such activities.
- 3) To constantly tap affiliate organisations' views re: direction of UDF central and thus pool views of affiliate organisations in this regard. This would enable Area Committees to constantly give input to UDF Executive and Council meetings and thus keep UDF central in constant touch with views and activities of affiliate organisations.
- 4) To consider possibility of drawing in organisations not yet affiliated to UDF, but progressive in thought and deed. These organisations could be invited to participate as observers at Area Committee level and thus be encouraged to affiliate to the UDF.
- 5) To facilitate inter-action between affiliate organisations as often as possible. Also, to facilitate getting together of activists from affiliate organisations with regular frequency. This would enable UDF to form more cohesive front at activist level and thus broaden even more the democratic struggle.
- 6) To generally conduct itself in a manner that will maintain and promote the ideals and aspirations of its affiliate organisations and the UDF and, in the final analysis, the democratic movement towards freedom in S.A.

B) RESPONSIBILITY OF ORGANISATIONS TO THEIR AREA COMMITTEES. (ACCOUNTABILITY, ACCEPTANCE OF AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS, DISCIPLINE, ETC.)

- 1) Representation on Area Committee must not affect the autonomy of affiliate organisations.
- 2) Area Committees should function in a manner that would enable representatives to consult with their individual organisations on major issues and get mandates from their organisations. Thus, Area Committees mechanism must be such that
 - 1) affiliate organisations are given ample opportunity to discuss issues fully before mandating representatives on Area Committee.
 - 2) Individual organisations should always abide by decisions taken by majority of affiliated organisations.
- 3) Area Committees should not have any disciplinary powers over affiliated organisations as it is basically a front of various organisations and not a parent organisation or anything in that vein. However, individual organisations should always refrain from conducting themselves in a manner that will be detrimental to the front formed by way of the Area Committees.
- 4) Depending on activities or issues at the time, individual organisations that intend taking up an issue or activity that encompasses other than its own constituency should consider the possibility of that activity or issue being taken up at Area Committee level instead.
- 5) Since all organisations affiliated to UDF have basically the same objects and identify with the same ideology, it would be expected that all organisations would conduct themselves in a manner that would minimise differences and disputes and thus engender excellent relationship between individual organisations and the Area Committees.

C) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AREA COMMITTEES AND UDF CENTRAL.

- 1) Area Committees will act as go-between the individual organisations and UDF central.
- 2) The extent to which Area Committees can act independently of UDF central needs to be discussed in detail. A suggestion is : When Area Committees decide to undertake issues or activities that are not related to provincial or national issues, there should be no need to liase with UDF Executive or Council. However, when tackling a provincial or national issue on which UDF central has not made a stand at the time, UDF central should be consulted before finalising any decision. Where UDF central has already made a stand on any particular issue, Area Committees can act without first consulting UDF central.
- 3) Press statements should be left to UDF central at this stage.
- 4) The relationship between Area Committees and UDF central will probably be affected significantly after re-structuring of UDF in December or January.

D) REPRESENTATION OF ORGANISATIONS ON AREA COMMITTEES.

It has been decided that each organisation have two permanent delegates on the Area Committee with two or more rotating representatives.

E) STRUCTURE OF AREA COMMITTEES.

- 1) Media Committee.
- 2) Finance Committee.
- 3) That some form of executive be elected , either now or after re-structuring of UDF. This committee could consist of a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

F) FUND-RAISING.

- 1) Cake Sale on 1st. December 1984.
- 2) Following suggestions:
 - 2.1) Peoples Concert
 - 2.2) Christmas Cards.
 - 2.3) Disco in warehouse.
 - 2.4) Music Concert.
- 3) Where possible, individual organisations should allocate a percentage of funds collected by such organisations to the Area Committees.
- 4) Area Committees will attempt to assist UDF central with funds when possible; and will not call upon central for funds.

- 1. Committee for prep. distribution
- 2. Community Council Pamphlet
 - Paper for WDF
 - Discussion on Monday of Affiliates to Community Council (Black Local Authority)
- 3. Area Committee Report
 - Mass Meeting 1st Dec
 - Federal Meeting 7th Dec
 - WDF whole meeting 24/11/84 - Black Churches
 - National Day of Protest - Committee
 - Org. involved
- 4. Case Study - Fix on the date

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