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Dear Sir/Madam

It has been said that a camel is the product of a committee as no single person could produce such a ridiculous looking animal.

So it seems with Codesa 2.

The enclosed draft constitution for a new South Africa was produced by one person. It stands the whole political system of this country on its head. (I see talking heads from Codesa 2 on TV whom I've never seen or heard of before - and tell myself that at times the man-in-the-street was offered a ray of hope.)

I trust you will discuss this document and address any queries to me.

Sincerely

Geoff Hounday

NEW SOUTH AFRICA CONSTITUTION

- 1 • EACH INDIVIDUAL PERSON IN SOUTH AFRICA WILL, FROM THE ^{TWENTY-FIRST} SEVENTEENTH WEEK OF HIS/HER NATURAL OR SURROGATE MOTHER'S PREGNANCY AND WHETHER A SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZEN OR NOT, ENJOY IN LAW THE RIGHT OF FREE CHOICE, PROVIDED SUCH FREE CHOICE DOES NOT INFRINGE UPON THE RIGHT OF ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL PERSON TO CHOOSE DIFFERENTLY OR THE SAME. WHEN THE SAME CHOICE IS MADE AND AGREEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED AMONG ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE CHOICE, A COURT ~~WILL~~ ^{MAY} BE CONVENED TO DECIDE, ON THE BASIS OF THE FACTS PRESENTED AND THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED, HOW AND TO WHOM THE CHOICE WILL BE ALLOCATED, IF AT ALL. THOSE PERSONS (E.G. CHILDREN) WHOM A REASONABLE PERSON WOULD CONSIDER WERE DEPENDENT ON ANOTHER OR OTHERS (E.G. PARENTS) FOR EXERCISING RESPONSIBILITY, AS ANOTHER OR OTHERS WOULD HAVE TO BEAR IMPOSITION RESULTING FROM THE CHOICE, MAY HAVE THEIR FREE CHOICE RESCINDED OR AMENDED BY ANY PERSON ON WHOM THEY WERE SO DEPENDENT, SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT BY ALL OTHER DEPENDANTS CONCERNED WHEN THE CHOICE WAS MADE, BUT MAY REQUEST THE CONVENING OF A COURT TO FINALLY DECIDE.
- 2 • COUNTS WILL BE CONVENED IN THE MANNER DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY DEMOCRATICALLY (BY POPULAR CHOICE) ELECTED ELDERS AND ADMINISTRATORS IN THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE DISPUTE CONCERNING FREE CHOICE ORIGINATED OR AROSE. IF THE DISPUTE IS OF A REGIONAL, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, I.E.

MACROSCOPIC REGARDING THE CONCEPT OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AS WHEN, FOR EXAMPLE, CORPORATE BODIES FROM DIFFERENT DISTRICTS ARE PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE, THEN REGIONAL, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL COURTS WILL BE CONVENED AS AGREED BY PROPERLY APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICTS IN WHICH THE MACROSCOPIC BODIES CONCERNED IN THE DISPUTE NORMALLY RESIDE.

- 3 • A WORK ETHIC EMBRACING THE CONCEPT THAT NO SINGLE PERSON OR MACROSCOPIC BODY SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO MORE THAN SUCH PERSON OR PERSONS FORMING THE BODY, KNEADS (I.E. ENTITLED TO A GREATER SHARE IN TOTAL THAN THE WHOLE PRODUCED BY SUCH PERSON OR BODY), IS THE FOUNDATION OF ECONOMIC POLICY. THOSE PERSONS OR BODIES WHO FOR REASONS OF AGE, INFIRMITY, SICKNESS, EARNED REST PERIOD OR ANY OTHER LEGITIMATE REASON FOR NOT BEING A PRODUCER OF WEALTH THAT AT LEAST AFFORDS HIS/HER KEEP, MAY BE TRIED AND SENTENCED AT A CONVENED COURT ON PETITION BY ANY PERSON ^{OR PERSONS} AGGRIEVED ^{BY} OR SUBSIDISING SUCH PERCEIVED UNDER-PRODUCER OF WEALTH. THE DIVISION, ALLOCATION, TRANSFER AND ENVIRONMENTAL CARE OF ALL FIXED LANDS, BUILDINGS AND NATURAL ATTRIBUTES IN EACH DISTRICT WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED ELDERS AND ADMINISTRATORS ON COST, ENVIRONMENTAL OR OTHER - JUSTIFIED REQUEST FROM ^{ANY} LEGITIMATELY CONCERNED PERSON, PERSONS OR BODY. A COURT WILL BE CONVENED, IF CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE, TO HEAR ALL VIEWPOINTS SO THAT A RESPONSIBLE DECISION CAN BE MADE.

- 4 • FREE MOVEMENT BETWEEN DISTRICTS, PLACES OF OCCUPATION, OCCUPATIONS AND AREAS CONSTITUTES AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, ^{1, 2 AND 3,} SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS ~~2~~₂ ABOVE.
- 5 • FREE MARKET PRINCIPLES WILL APPLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND THE RULES GOVERNING INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS. WHERE A DISTRICT LACKS SPECIALISED FACILITIES SUCH AS A HOSPITAL OR LIBRARY, THESE FACILITIES WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED (I.E. APPOINTMENTS MADE BY POPULAR VOTE OF ELDERS AND ADMINISTRATORS FROM EACH AFFECTED DISTRICT - 1 VOTE PER DISTRICT) COUNCILLORS WHO WILL FORM A REGIONAL BODY. NATIONAL BODIES MAY BE SIMILARLY ELECTED TO ADMINISTER ENTITIES OF NATIONAL CONCERN, E.G. NATIONAL PARKS AND GAME RESERVES.
- 6 • A FLAT RATE OF TAX OF 10% WILL BE LEVIED AT DISTRICT LEVEL (FOR CONTROL PURPOSES) ON EACH EARNER IN THE DISTRICT. THIS MONEY WILL BE PAID INTO A GENERAL FUND TO BE ADMINISTERED AT NATIONAL LEVEL FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE. REQUESTS FOR FINANCE FROM THIS FUND CAN ORIGINATE AT DISTRICT, REGION OR NATIONAL LEVEL FROM THE PROPER BODIES AT EACH LEVEL. COST AND BENEFIT JUSTIFICATIONS WILL ACCOMPANY EACH REQUEST. IN TIME THE RATE OF 10% MAY BE REVISED DOWNWARDS AND COULD DISAPPEAR ALTOGETHER IN A CASHLESS, CARING SOCIETY.

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Dear Sir

To whom is the newly appointed Minister of Finance, Trade and Industry and Economic Co-ordination, Mr Derek Keys, accountable if not to every South African whose interests (economic prosperity and therefore peaceful co-existence) he purports to serve?

Most South Africans have a very good idea of what is fundamentally wrong with matters in this country and would like to know just what Mr Keys intends to do about the situation: Our universities, at considerable cost, turn out armies of paper pushers instead of creators of real wealth; the rich and their offspring tend too often to leap to managerial positions without first experiencing what life is really like on factory floors or doing mundane but essential clerical work; over-regulation at grassroots levels inhibits the natural emergence of small entrepreneurs (one thinks of the recent forced removal of flea

marketed at the Unizenberg Pavilion just a short time after the Admin. Order of the Cape, Mr. Kohn, moving, had gazetted sweeping changes to enable free market principles to apply in future far less restrictively); when Virgin Atlantic Airways announces £99 flights from UK to South Africa, South African Airways in conjunction with British Airways, seeing their monopoly threatened, make antagonistic noises; mineral and Energy Affairs Minister, Mr. George Bartlett, states in Parliament (6/5/92) that mrossgas would return about 11% on capital invested if an oil price of \$19 a barrel in 1989 terms was maintained over the lifetime of the project, yet the projected ^{mrossgas} production figures quoted by Mr. Bartlett in December 1991 indicated a return on capital of less than 6% per annum over the expected life span of 25 years; in January this year The Argus showed a photograph of a German-manufactured solar car costing R38 000 (presumably before economies of scale were considered) and capable of travelling 200 kilometres at 120 kph before the battery would be run down - what a magnificent cost-saver, being almost useless, for the hot climes of Africa!

One could go on and on mentioning

solar water heating through convection, solar water pumps, coshies using microscopes and refractors and much more. But in the final analysis what is needed is the motivation of an entire nation to produce, freed from insane restrictive laws and influences that currently prevail.

It is quite wrong for Mr. Keys to plan to rescue the country's ailing textile industry by imposing a complicated system of tariff quotas and steep increases in import duties (Argus, May 4). The crux of the problem is that, largely due to the influences already mentioned, there is little motivation for South Africans of all persuasions to produce commodities cheaply (if at all). A textile factory in Zimabwe with 2500 employees is unable to keep up with local and foreign demand for its products in spite of a 7-day working week plus overtime by many of its employees. The reason is that the average worker is content with consuming much less than he/she produces in value. The reverse seems to apply here and no amount of tariffs can disguise the reality that the average worker here tends to consume more than he/she produces. Taking from Peter to give to Paul (through so-called subsidisation) inflames demotivation even among hitherto dedicated workers.

The only solution (and one hopes that
our Keys will recognise this) is the
removal of all inhibitive restrictions
that prevent ordinary people from
carrying out in comfort an honest day's
work, which means producing something
worthwhile and consuming no more than
its value.

Those who maintain that they need
this or that need that should always
ask themselves, "Did I really knead
enough to deserve this?"

Foreign investment, if at all, should
not create local milk cows which
benefit inactive foreigners while local
employees get less than they knead
in perpetuity. Money, after all, is
only paper and can be printed
with minimum effort.

If our Keys were to earn the respect of
all South Africans he would recognise
the above truths and act accordingly.
This is especially important as many
South Africans see his former company,
Isencor, as having received 'preferential
treatment' in its contracting with
mosses.

Yours faithfully
in accordance (GEOFF HOLLIDAY)