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## UDF (Tv1) Evaluation Commission:

### Circular to all area committees - No. 1

(Please note point Nos 7 and 8 are URGENT)

1. The following area committees have been/will be formed:

Pretoria

Vaal

Soweto - Lenasia - Eldorado Park - Noordgesig

West Rand

Johannesburg

Northern Transvaal

East Rand

2. Each area committee is to meet on a weekly basis, especially for the next 6 weeks.
3. Once the area committees are functional, it is possible that the General Council and Executive may be restructured to have representation from these area committees. However, this needs to be discussed, and we hope that this process of restructuring will end in a new constitution for UDF (Tv1), as well as elections for the UDF (Tv1) Executive in the December-January period.
4. It is also hoped to form other structures, like (e.g)
  - Labour Committee (to incorporate all trade unions affiliated to the UDF)
  - Women's Committees (to incorporate all Women's organisations affiliated to the UDF)
  - Civic Committee (to incorporate all civic organisations affiliated to the UDF)
  - Youth Committee (to incorporate all Youth organisations affiliated to the UDF)

Student Committee (to incorporate all student organisations affiliated to the UDF)

Political Committee (to incorporate all political organisations affiliated to the UDF)

However, many of these structures will only be set up once the area committees are functional structures.

5. The status of organisations affiliated to the UDF will also have to be discussed, once the structures mentioned above are all functional.
6. The commission will write up weekly circulars at the end of every week in order to initiate discussion on the restructuring process. Each circular will present questions which all area committees will have to discuss and present to the commission for the coming Thursday Commission meeting.

SENT 7. What each area committee should do immediately:

- (a) Each area committee should meet at a fixed time and venue every week. It would be preferable to have all area committee meetings on MONDAY EVENINGS.
- (b) Each area committee should appoint 1 representative to attend Commission meetings every Thursday at 5 P.M at the UDF offices. This representative must come to the meeting with a report on the Monday evening area committee meetings.

SENT 8. Questions to be discussed by each area committee this week  
(Reports on this discussion to be presented to the UDF Evaluation Commission on Thursday, 1 November 1984 at 5 P.M at UDF offices)

(a) AREA COMMITTEES

- (i) What is the role and function of your area committee for the next 14 months?
- (ii) What is the responsibility of organisations to their area committees? (accountability, acceptance of area committee decisions, discipline, etc)
- (iii) How are organisations to be represented on your area committee?
- (iv) What structures are needed in your area committee? (e.g Executive Committee, media committee, Education Committee, Finance Committee etc.)
- (v) ~~How~~ How your area committee can raise funds so that it is financially independent of the UDF (TVI).

(b) Procedure from November up to the election of the new UDF (Tvl) Executive.

The following is a provisional programme leading to the election of a new executive.

- (i) Weekly meetings of area committees and Commission from Now up to the elections.
- (ii) Sunday 8 December: Workshop on restructuring and discussion on the new constitution.
- (iii) Possible GC meeting on 15 December <sup>or</sup> 12 January where elections will be held for the new Executive. This can only be finalised early in December.

Please let us know if this provisional programme is acceptable to your area committee.

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