

This emergency conference held in Bloemfontein under the auspices of the National Congress this 6th day of October, 1946, having heard the conomor and the members of Native Representative Council anent the reasons which decided the adjournment of the Council on the 4th August 1946 as a protest against the manner African representations receive Government attention, resolves:-

1. That it fully and unreservedly endorses the action taken by the Council in registering a protest as it did.
2. That inasmuch as the Native Representative Council is a statutory body responsible primarily to the Parliament for its acts and deeds, and, inasmuch as the Council has openly declared its dissatisfaction with the conduct of its affairs and the handling of its representations by the Union Government, this Conference recommends that members of the Native Representative Council should prepare and submit to the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Parliament a memorandum through the Minister for Native Affairs setting their disabilities, the weakness and deterioration of the consultative machinery and such other vital reasons militating against the spirit and letter of the law in terms of which such a Council was established
3. That the memo. should in addition to any exposure of the defects of the system, submit definite proposals for the improvements thereof even to the extent of seeking a transfer to the Council of the functions of the Native Affairs Commission and closer, liberal consultation in the formulation of policy governing the Department of Native Affairs generally.
4. That in the event of Parliament refusing to accept these representations, and nun extraordinary conference be convened for the purpose of deciding the appropriate action to be taken.

Moved by H. Selby Msimang.

Seconded by Clement Kadatice

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