

E2.17

STATEMENT BY THE NEDERDUITSE GEREFORMEERDE

KERKE OF THE CAPE AND TRANSVAAL.

(To be incorporated in Minutes).

15.12.60

The delegations of the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerke of the Cape and Transvaal wish to state that we have come to consult with other Churches under the Word of God and with deep concern for the various and complicated problems of race relations in the country. We realise with deep Christian concern the needs of all the various population groups and that the Church has a word to speak to them.

We wish to confirm that, as stated in the preamble, a policy of differentiation can be defended from the Christian point of view, that it provides the only realistic solution to the problems of race relations and is therefore in the best interests of the various population groups.

We do not consider the resolutions adopted by the Consultation as in principle incompatible with the above statement. In voting on Resolution 15 the delegations of the two churches recorded their view as follows:

"The undersigned voted in favour of point 15, provided it be clearly understood that participation in the Government of this country refers in the case of White areas to the Africans who are domiciled in the declared White areas in the sense that they have no other homeland."

Signed by the delegations of the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Churches of the Cape Province and Transvaal.