

SECOND JOINT STATEMENT ON WALVIS BAY AND THE OFF-SHORE ISLANDS

20 September 1991

Further to the Joint Statement on the question of Walvis Bay and the Off-Shore Islands issued in Windhoek on 17 May 1991, the Governments of the Republic of South Africa and the Republic of Namibia have agreed in principle to set up a Joint Administration, as an interim arrangement, pending an eventual settlement of the aforementioned question. To this end the two Governments have decided to establish a Joint Technical Committee to advise the two Governments on the functions and structures which lend themselves to Joint Administration.

In addition, as regards the Orange River Boundary, it has been decided to appoint a Joint Technical Committee to investigate and report on the demarcation of the boundary in the middle of the river.

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AGREED MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON WALVIS BAY AND THE OFF-SHORE ISLANDS, HELD IN WINDHOEK, ON 26 MARCH 1992

In view of the objective to establish a joint institutional structure to administer the government functions of common interest, so as to exercise and perform the related executive and administrative powers regarding the respective legislation, applicable in Walvis Bay, it is proposed that:

1. A Joint Administrative Authority (JAA) be established, representative of all those functions identified by it and agreed upon, by the respective governments.
2. The JAA will have as its function the performance of those executive and administrative powers connected with the identified functions and the relevant Acts of Parliament.
3. South African and Namibian chief executives and accountable officers of the JAA be appointed.
4. A management committee will be established by the JAA, consisting of an appropriate number of senior officials from South Africa and Namibia, responsible for policy formulation and implementation. There will be a joint chairmanship.
5. The JAA will be appropriately structured and jointly staffed to perform its duties.
6. It is agreed that those functions that the JAA may not currently consider susceptible to joint administration to be continuously reviewed with a view to possible inclusion within its ambit.
7. It is understood that the JAA will have consultative competence in respect of those functions which are currently not considered susceptible to Joint Administration.
8. Upon agreement of the above proposals, the two governments will set a date of implementation thereof.

Signed by:

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