C.E.A. Sponsored Visit to Canada

25 to 30 March 1990

The following members of the CABBSA Council visited Canada during the above period:

        Messrs D Roquand - Chairman
        I Skosana - Member
        B Tsita - Member
        B Fraser - Member (ex officio)

2.   The purpose of the visit was to discuss with the C.E.A. and CIDA the future of CABBSA and its method of operation and also to familiarise members of the CABBSA Council with Canadian capability to assist them in making decisions within a Canadian perspective.

3.   During the visit members were able to meet with interested parties and to explain the activities of CABBSA, its unique method of operation and to point out that there is a continuing and growing need for this type of assistance in South Africa. At meetings with the CEA they had the opportunity to review the present structure of CABBSA and to agree on certain changes mainly of an administrative nature to increase the efficiency of the organisation and to relieve the burden on Council members who devote their time on a voluntary basis. At meetings with CIDA representatives the success of the project in its short term of operation was demonstrated and the extension of CABBSA was discussed. The proposed visit of a CIDA representative in May/June of this year to appraise the project is to be welcomed.

4.   Members found the visits to various Canadian establishments to be both informative and instructive. While population of S.A. and Canada are similar the level of technology in Canada is much higher. Notwithstanding this Council members identified at every visit matters of relevance to the private sector in S.A., whether it was the franchising system used by Canadian Tire, the use of satellites to convey education programmes to remote areas or the simple manufacture of protein sausage from waste materials.

5.   Reports on all visits and meetings are attached.

6.   Council members participating in the visit record their appreciation of the time and effort expended by Messrs Gorn and Weldon in making the trip a success.

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