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CODESA Steering Committee  
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Dear Sirs

In response to your invitation for written submissions, may I  
on behalf of many concerned Christian parents submit their  
following concerns for your attention.

Your faithfully

  
Kjell Olsen



## STATEMENT BY CONCERNED CHRISTIAN PARENTS

At the end of the interdenominational Parents Conference held at Kwasi-zabantu Mission from 26 January to 2 February 1992, we, over 1000 parents, submit a very brief summary (after days of indepth discussion) of some of our main concerns:

It disturbs us that the family structure is being harmed by recent events in our country. There is a swing towards ideas which will harm our families if these ideas are legislated into the New Constitution.

1. Education should be based on Biblical values. We reject the fallacy of 'neutral' education. With a 77% Christian population it is our democratic right to have a Christian influence in Government and Education. We insist that parents should have control over their children's education. It is the parent's prerogative to decide on the use of corporal punishment. Any legislation against this is usurping the authority of the parent.

2. Sex Education is sensitive but necessary - within the family context. We reject the concept that the State should teach our children about sex in Government schools. We have observed how every country that has introduced sex education into their schools has had a sharp downward swing in morals and a rapid upswing in teenage-pregnancies, venereal diseases, rape and divorce. Bible based values are thrown out in favour of 'safe-sex'. This is anti-family.

3. Moral Decay - We have all observed the astonishing decline in moral, pro-family values. Pornography of the worst kind is becoming freely accessible, even to our children. The promotion of homosexuality (so called 'alternative life-styles') is against Biblical standards and is harmful to our children. Family Planning clinics (and similar organisations) are more directed towards teenagers than married people. These things are like a cancer eating into family structures and will ultimately devastate civilised society.

4. Abortion - We are deeply concerned about the present abortion debate in our country. We find it ironical that there should be a move towards the murder of innocent babies at the same time as convicted murderers (and other criminals) are being released from jails. When morals decline there is an increase in teenage pregnancies and the momentum towards legalizing abortion on demand increases. If abortion on demand is legalized it will result in the rapid decline of pro-family values. Children (if allowed to live) will grow up in an atmosphere where life is not held in the highest esteem, where convenience instead of responsibility will rule. As parents, we insist that the killing of unborn babies should not be legalised in our country. We are upset that many children are dying in the current climate of violence in our country. Their lives are in constant danger. However, if abortion on demand is legalised the most dangerous place in South Africa will be the mother's womb!

*A resolution was unanimously passed that leaders be approached to respond to the above mentioned issues. ■*