

16.4 REPORT 3: DEPUTIES ECUMENICITY INLAND – SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (Art 29)

- A. Dr H Goede tables the Report.
- B. The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.

C. REPORT

1. South African Council of Churches

1.1 *Mandate (Acta 2012:194, 1.7.3)*

- 1.1.1 The to be named Deputies must participate in the activities of the SACC via relevant inputs and testimony.

Decision: Noted.

1.2 *To be noted*

- 1.2.1 The execution of the mandate was hindered by the fact that the GKSA does not hold any form of membership within the SACC (cf. Acta 2012:194, 1.7.1 and 1.7.2).
- 1.2.2 The Deputies were dependent upon the SACC's own media statements and general media coverage to execute the mandate.
- 1.2.3 A Deputy attended during 2014 the tri-annual conference of the SACC without any official membership status.
- 1.2.4 The activities of the SACC over the past three years were characterised by internal strife and financial need.
- 1.2.5 The leadership of the SACC attempted to provide public testimony towards government and society (eg. in the aftermath of the Marikana massacre, on corruption and maladministration and on the 2014 general election). Whether this testimony had a substantial impact, is questionable.

Decision: Points 1.2.1 to 1.2.5 noted.

1.3 *To be decided: Recommendation*

- 1.3.1 The to be named Deputies must participate in the activities of the SACC via relevant inputs and testimony.
- 1.3.2 The to be named Deputies must advise Synod 2018 regarding the desirability to extend the mandate beyond Synod 2018.

Decision: Points 1.3.1 and 1.3.2 approved.