

Drugs

Motion

Noting that a national drug policy and the role of the pharmaceutical services are issues that need to be addressed urgently in order to ensure the availability and accessibility to all South Africans of affordable essential drugs of quality and their rational use.

That developments are silently taking place within the pharmaceutical sector that might lead to unilateral restructuring with grave implications for the principles of comprehensive primary health care.

That the failure of the conference to address these issues was apparently based on the questionable principle that lack of interest among participants and lack of expertise or sufficient knowledge of the issues by the organisers indicates lack of importance of the subject.

The successful addressing of many aspects of the National Health Service dealt with by the conference cannot be complete as they are intimately linked to the existence of a national drug policy and appropriate restructuring of pharmaceutical services.

I move that this conference commission the convening of a national workshop to discuss a national drug policy and pharmaceutical services, and that such a workshop be convened not later than the first half of 1993.

Moved by Bada Pharasi

Seconded by Chimen Lalla

