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President age limit shot down

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Most legislators at the MPs forum on the Draft Constitution at Leisure Lodge said they are opposed to an age limit for a president. The MPs instead proposed that there be no age limit and that anyone aged 70 should be allowed to vie.

They said popular leaders who are aged above 70 should be left free to run for the Presidency. The leg also shot down the proposal that ministers be appointed from among non-parliamentarians.

But a CKRC commissioner, Dr Adriano Adede, said the Draft Constitution contained wamand's recommendations.

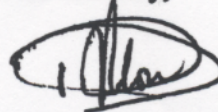
Dear Mr. Genevier,

On behalf of Secretary-General Kofi Annan, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your message of 14 January 2003 and attachments, which were recently referred to this office for reply.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts, which have been read and noted. I must advise you that in order for any proposal to be considered by the members of the United Nations, an item must first be presented by an official representative of a Member State, duly inscribed on the Organization's agenda and voted by the Membership. You may therefore wish to redirect your proposal to your country's representative office before the United Nations: United States Mission to the United Nations, 799 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017.

Thank you again for your interest in the United Nations, and for taking the time to write to us.

Yours sincerely,



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