

7.2 The parties agree that the first priority shall be to help mitigate the cost implications of Proudly South African membership fees.

**8. POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND MEETINGS OF THE PPE RAPID RESPONSE TASK TEAM**

In addition to the powers and functions accorded to it in other parts of this collective agreement, the PPE Rapid Response Task Team shall have the following additional powers and functions:

- 8.1 It shall be constituted by an equal number of employer and employee representatives from the signatory parties to this collective agreement.
- 8.2 The PPE Rapid Response Task Team employee representatives shall have a number of votes which are equal to the number of combined votes of the employer representatives to the PPE Rapid Response Task Team.
- 8.3 To decide by consensus and failing which by majority vote, on any matter pertaining to the provisions of this collective agreement, provided such matter is not inconsistent with the provisions of this collective agreement.
- 8.4 To exercise any such other powers as may be accorded to it by a constitutionally constituted meeting of the Council or by the Executive Committee of the Council.
- 8.5 To be compelled to allow the National Chairperson of the Council a period of 2 business days within which to attempt to resolve any disagreements which are not resolved by a majority vote as envisaged in sub-clause 8.3 of this agreement.
- 8.6 To refer any disagreement which cannot be resolved in terms of the provisions of sub-clause 8.5 of this collective agreement to compulsory expedited and binding arbitration as envisaged in Clause 9 of this collective agreement, and within 4 hours after the occurrence of such unresolved disagreement.
- 8.7 The PPE Rapid Response Task Team shall be convened by decision of the National Chairperson of the Council and presided over by him/her, or on request of any of the signatory parties to this collective agreement.
- 8.8 Meetings of the PPE Rapid Response Task Team shall be held on such dates and times, at such venue and/or and in such communication format as agreed to between the signatory parties. In the absence of agreement about meeting dates, times and format as envisaged in sub-clause 8.9 of this collective agreement, the National

