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Reflections on ADR

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[Inspired by articles in (2001) 3 ADR 53 and 60]

In an effort to prepare for the meeting,
 In an effort to prepare for the meeting,
 I constructed a seven-element chart,
 For myself as well as for the Board.
 In order to focus my thoughts,
 I constructed a seven-element chart.
 The seven-element chart.
 The seven-element analysis.
 The seven-element analysis is a diagnostic tool.

The seven-element tool is not to be confused
 With the four-quadrant analysis
 Which is a diagnostic tool
 To take a view of a situation from a macro level,
 From a *macro* perspective.
 The seven-element chart is another diagnostic tool.
 The seven-element tool
 Provides a more detailed, *micro* analysis.
 A micro analysis of the presenting situation.
 In order to systematically prepare for the meeting

I constructed a chart.
 The chart allowed me to focus
 On what I really wanted to achieve
 Out of the meeting.
 The chart—the seven-element chart—
 Allowed me to identify outcomes,
 Good outcomes, the numerous possible outcomes.

The chart—the tool—clarified the outcomes,
 In a systematic way; clarified—
 Clarified and allowed me to focus on—
 What I really wanted to achieve at this meeting.

The seven-element tool gave me a yardstick
 To evaluate the possible outcomes,
 To realistically evaluate and diagnose
 The possible options.
 The tool's objective standard allowed me
 To benchmark the possible options on the table.

I constructed the seven-element chart
 In an effort to prepare for the meeting,
 In an effort to prepare for the meeting
 I have laid the groundwork for a resolution,
 A resolution to be passed by the Board,
 For an in-principle substantive agreement,
 An in-principle commitment—
 An agreement, a process commitment
 In the form of a timetable,
 To finalise out the details.
 A timetable for consultation, research
 And future meetings;
 To finalise out the details
 Of how such a program,
 How such a schedule would work—
 And to finalise out the details
 Of future meetings. ●

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