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MULTIPARTY NEGOTIATION PROCESS
TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE #1
ON CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

HEADS OF ARGUMENTS AND POSITIONS
OF THE INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY
SUBMITTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE KWAZULU GOVERNMENT

FULL SUBMISSION WILL BE MADE TO THIS TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE WITHIN THE DEADLINE LAID. THE FOLLOWING IS MERELY AN ABRIDGED STATEMENT TO BE ELABORATED IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT.

Form of State

The form of state must be determined with clarity at the outset of the process as a preliminary matter.

We advocate the establishment of true federalism with all residual powers in the member states.

Constitutional Principles

Our Constitutional principles are fully detailed in our February 6, 1992 submission at Codesa II, Working Group II, in the Constitution of the State of KwaZulu/Natal and in the relevant sections of the Policy Speech delivered by Chief Minister Dr. Mangosuthu Buthelezi at the opening of the fifth session of the fifth KwaZulu Legislative Assembly.

Any discussion on constitutional principle shall depend and reflect a preliminary determination on the form of state.

Process of Transformation

The process of transformation must be restructured on the basis of the preliminary determination on the form of state.

The IFP has submitted a process proposal which can ensure the establishment of federalism under a final constitutional dispensation to be drafted by the end of 1994.

The IFP process proposal coordinates and integrates negotiation at central level with ground-up democracy building processes.

The IFP rejects the notion of an elected constituent assembly, a transitional constitution and a government of national unity. It is our position that elections should be held and a new government shall be empowered under the terms of a final constitution.

The IFP does not wish to set an election date until the process is agreed upon.

Local Government

Local government shall be dealt with as a matter of state/regional law, rather than through negotiations at central level only.

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Future of the TBVC States

The status of the TBVC States should be transformed within the parameters of the ground-up democracy building processes proposed by the IFP.

Self Determination

Self determination on a territorial basis should legitimize ground-up democracy building processes.

Self determination on a personal and collective basis should be at the foundation of a new constitutional order based on the notion of social, cultural, political and economic pluralism.

The IFP has submitted the foregoing heads of arguments to indicate its general positions and perspective on the issues before this Technical Sub-Committees. The IFP reserves the right to submit a more comprehensive and detailed position paper on each of the foregoing subject matters.

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