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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Management Committee

**From: Hassen Ebrahim
Executive Director**

Date: 13 February 1996

RE DEFINITION OF NATIONAL TERRITORY

In terms of the instruction of the Management Committee, the Executive Director met with the Surveyor General.

The Surveyor General has produced a definition of the national territory which is attached hereto. We are still awaiting the various definitions of the provincial borders. These will be tabled before the Management Committee as soon as it is available.

It is proposed that this definition be referred to the Technical Refinement Team for tabling with the Constitutional Committee Sub Committee for discussion on 28 February.

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THE NEW CONSTITUTION

SCHEDULE 1 to the CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

The sovereign territory of the Republic of South Africa shall be defined as commencing at a point on the low-water mark of the Atlantic Ocean opposite to the mouth of the Orange River, thence up the median line of the Orange until it meets the twentieth meridian east of Greenwich, thence true north until this meridian meets the middle of the Nossob River, thence down the median line of the Nossob to its junction with the Molopo River, thence up the median line of the Molopo to its junction with the Ramatlabama Spruit, and thence up the median line of that stream to Ramatlabama Pool, thence in a generally north-north-easterly direction along the demarcated boundary to Pytlaganyane, thence in a direct line to Sengoma Poort on the Ngotwane River, thence down the median line of the Ngotwane to its confluence with the Metsemaswaane Stream, thence in a generally east-north-easterly direction along the demarcated boundary to a beacon on a spur of the Sikwane Hills thence easterly to the middle of the Marico River where it passes through Derdepoort, thence down the median line of the Marico until it falls into the Limpopo River, thence down the median line of the Limpopo to the junction of its thalweg with that of the Luvuvhu River, thence in a straight line to the trigonometrical beacon Gondegonde, thence across the Shingwidzi River in a south-south-easterly direction along the demarcated boundary to Pokioens Kop north of the Olifants River, thence in a southerly direction along the demarcated boundary to Komatipoort, thence continuing in a southerly direction along the demarcated boundary running along the Lebombo Mountains until it meets the frontier of the Kingdom of Swaziland, thence circumscribing the Kingdom of Swaziland along the demarcated boundary to the point where this boundary intersects the median line of the Suthu River, thence down the median line of the Suthu to its former point of confluence with the Phongola River, thence down the median line of the old course of the Phongola until it meets the parallel of the said former point of confluence, thence approximately eastwards along the demarcated boundary up to the trigonometrical beacon on the summit of Monte Ouro, thence due east to the low-water mark of the Indian Ocean and from thence along the low-water marks of the Indian and Atlantic Oceans to the point of commencement.

The sovereign territory shall include the off-shore islands, the Prince Edward archipelago and the territorial waters but shall exclude the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Nothing in this schedule shall limit or amend any international agreement or treaty concerning the boundaries of the Republic.

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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