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MULTIPARTY NEGOTIATION PROCESS TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE #7 ON THE TRANSITIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND ITS SUB-COUNCILS

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.

The IFP does not wish to see the establishment of TECs until an agreement on the process of transformation and on the form of state has been reached. TECs should be framed within the terms of a pre-agreed process of transformation and should serve the exclusive purpose of levelling the field of political competition during the different phases and stages of such a process leading to the adoption of a new Constitution. It is clear that the function of the TECs will vary depending on whether the final Constitution precedes elections or vice versa. The role of the TECs should aim at preparing a climate for elections and not to create an unnecessary stage of transition of governmental functions.

It is the IFP position that the TECs should not be used as a Trojan Horse to produce powersharing or to create a transitional government in disguise. Therefore, the powers of the TECs should be exercised through the established government structures and powers.

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.