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Statement by the Press Secretary / Director-General
for Public Information and Cultural Affairs of the Foreign Ministry
on the Agreement on a Draft of the Interim Constitution for South Africa

1. The Government of Japan welcomes the fact that, at the Plenary Session of the Multi-Party Negotiation Process held on Wednesday, November 17, with the participation of the heads of various political parties, agreement was reached among others on a draft interim constitution. The agreement will pave the way toward the general election scheduled for April 27 next year, and the Government of Japan acknowledges this as a great step forward toward the establishment of a democratic South Africa.
2. The Government of Japan regrets that some of the political parties did not take part in the agreement. However, it strongly hopes that the negotiations continue to be conducted through further efforts by the parties concerned, and, consequently, the general election next April will be carried out with participation of all political parties.

end of statement

"Democracy means freedom to choose"



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Dear Sir

**PLENARY SESSION OF THE MULTI-PARTY NEGOTIATING PROCESS
WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 1993.**

I am just amazed that you should send me this letter dated the 15th of November 1993 concerning the multi-party talks plenary session, when my party and the KwaZulu government delegations withdrew from the talks some months ago.

I do not know what the formality of being present at a plenary session that is rounding off decisions in which my party and government have not taken part is supposed to signify.

Neither the IFP delegation nor the KwaZulu government delegation will attend such a plenary session. In fact the whole exercise of inviting us for a plenary session of the multi-party talks in which we were not involved savours of old racist Baaskap to which we have been subjected all our lives. We could not be there to 'rubber-stamp' decisions made via THE RECORD OF UNDERSTANDING, signed between President de Klerk and Mr Mandela. We cannot ex post facto rubber stamp decisions which we did not participate

in making which will be formalised by those who made them at the plenary session.

My kind regards.

Sincerely



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