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Dear Cde Serote

I am writing in connection with the ANC's recent press release concerning language policy. I am one of the NEPI researchers looking at language policy alternatives and am presently working on establishing the state of ANC thinking on language policy. My principle concern is to establish the ANC's approach to negotiating language policy within the context of CODESA.

Dr. Qedusizi Buthelezi, of the Language Commission, recommended that I contact you with the questions relating to ANC constitutional proposals and negotiating position. I assume that you have a copy of the ANC press release and the background document (prepared by Michael Gardiner) entitled *African National Congress Language Policy Considerations*. Below are several questions which you might be able to assist in answering:

1. The document and press release state that 11 languages would receive full recognition. How is this concept of full recognition (without official status) to be rendered within a constitutional or legal framework? (ie. what does it mean?)
2. If there is no official language how is the state bureaucracy to determine its functional language / s? Will the constitution eliminate all reference to language and allow each government department to interpret a statement of intent (ie. empowering African languages)?

3. Do you consider the present ANC document to be an official negotiating position for CODESA? If so, what do you anticipate the National Party response will be, and what will be their principal concerns?

I am working on a deadline of the end of this month for my submission to the NEPI subcommittee on language policy alternatives. If possible, could you respond to these by Monday 24 February or refer me to somebody who can answer these questions. If there are at present no answers to these question I would also appreciate that information.

Thanking you in advance
yours

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