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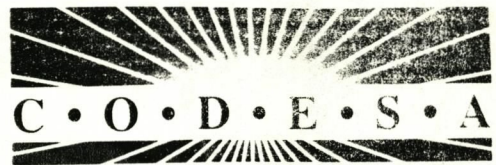
TO:  **ALL WORKING GROUPS OF CODESA**

RE:  **ATTACHED LETTER FROM TRANSKEI GVT RE SECOSAF**

DATE:  **9 MARCH 1992**

Herewith attached a communication from the Transkei Government, regarding the participation of SECOSAF members in CODESA, in the capacity of rapporteurs.

Transkei's Government has asked that the letter be circulated to all Working Groups.

Please note that the matter will be on the Agenda of today's Management Committee Meeting.

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The Government of Transkei has learnt from its delegation that
individual members of SECOSAF are being proposed by the South
African Government and certain delegations to serve as rapporteurs
in Codesa working groups.  SECOSAF was proposed to act as the
secretariat for Codesa and was rejected.  The Transkei delegation
to Codesa in leading argument for rejection advanced various reasons
and is prepared to provide further testimony in support of those
reasons.

The Government of Transkei further wishes to state that the above
moves are in violation and contravention of the spirit and letter
of the Multilateral agreement entered into between South Africa,
Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei, establishing the
Secretariat for Economic community of Southern Africa (SECOSAF)
In particular article 3(1) of the protocol which reads as follows:
"The Secretariat shall function as an administrative body to support
and co-ordinate the multilateral and regional systems of co-operation
in the Southern African region as agreed to by the parties and

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further. to establish and provide the necessary secretarial and auxiliary services therefor, as well as to perform all such other functions as may be entrusted to it from time to time by the parties jointly," prevents SECOSAF from deviating from its stated mission without the approval of the signatories.

We have mandated our delegation to CODESA to reject the involvement of SECOSAF as an institution or its personnel.

Please circulate to all Working Groups.


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