

STATEMENT BY MR P GORDHAN - CHAIRMAN OF THE DAILY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF CODESA

The DMC is pleased to report that at its second meeting of all five Working Groups of CODESA significant progress on the procedural matters has been made. At the same time all groups have commenced preliminary discussions on substantive matters.

All participants in Working Group 1 have unanimously decided to express their concern at the recent escalation of violence in the Western Cape, Transvaal and Natal. All organisations condemn this escalation in violence and call upon people and organisations throughout South Africa:

- To do their utmost to end the violence,
- To support and enhance the peace process initiated by the National Peace Accord.

Continued violence can only have a detrimental effect on the current negotiation process.

Working Group 2 has unanimously agreed to specifically include the principle of self-determination of peoples, its application and implementation in the South African situation as an item to address within its Terms of Reference.

Further details of progress made by Working Groups and information on decisions made by the Management Committee will be available at a media conference due to be held at the conclusion of the Management Committee meeting on Monday 10 February 1992.

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