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RESERVATIONS

RECORDED AND TABLED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BOPHUTHATSWANA
REGARDING ITS PARTICIPATION IN CODESA

1. Pursuant to its sovereignty and its refusal on or since 20 December 1991, to accede to the Declaration of Intent of CODESA, it is hereby expressly and categorically declared for the information of all signatories and others involved in CODESA, that the presence and participation of representatives of the Government of Bophuthatswana in the proceedings of any of the working groups of CODESA, or any plenary sessions thereof since 20 December 1991, or in the future does not imply any departure from the said refusal. Furthermore, that participation by the said Government in the operations and functioning of CODESA does not expressly, impliedly or tacitly mean or can be construed to mean that the said Government has consented to the said Declaration of Intent.

2. Concerning any ruling at any session or meeting of CODESA or its working groups, to the effect that "sufficient consensus" is the appropriate measure required for proper decision making in any particular case, the Bophuthatswana Government places on record that, it specifically reserves the right to disassociate itself from decisions of CODESA taken by "sufficient consensus", where such decisions affect Bophuthatswana.

3. We, the Government of Bophuthatswana declare ourselves, subject to the proviso and reservation stipulated herein, to be bound by agreements we conclude or reach together with other participants in CODESA in accordance with the standing rules, and hereby commit ourselves to the implementation thereof within our capacity, powers and authority: Provided that we shall not be bound by, nor shall we be obliged to implement any decision of CODESA, if such decision directly or indirectly conflicts with, affects or impinges on the sovereign independent status or autonomy of Bophuthatswana, or in any way pertains to the incorporation of its territory, or any part thereof, in South Africa or any other State whether federal, confederal, federation or confederation or of any other constitutional nature whatsoever, unless the Government of Bophuthatswana acting within its powers and capacity aforesaid has expressly consented to any such decision, or has signified its approval thereto.