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CISKEI GOVERNMENT COMMENTS

The Ciskei Government's position is not correctly stated in WG 4's report. The correct position is as follows:-

1. In regard to the first draft of the report of Working Group 4 to Codesa 2, Ciskei wishes to comment as follows:-
2. "Ciskei has consistently on all previous occasions stated its position clearly on reincorporation into South Africa.

In regard to Ciskei's participation in an interim Government, our position is clear in that Ciskei will not participate in an interim Government at this stage but will remain a participant at Codesa and be part of and participate in the constitution-making body.

Until the constitutional principles have been clearly stated approved by Codesa and regional boundaries determined, Ciskei will keep its options open. At that stage Ciskei will decide on reincorporation into South Africa and possible participation in first phase of interim government.

The fundamental considerations on the part of the Ciskei Government is that Ciskei must be better off in the "New South Africa" than has been the case under its present circumstances.

The Ciskei Government would request that paragraph 3.1.5 "Reservation" in WG4 report be amended to read as follows:-

"It is recorded that the Ciskei Government wishes to reserve its position in so far as participation in interim arrangements is concerned and will decide at a later stage on the participation in interim government.

COMMENT ON REPORT OF WG 4 TO CODESA 2
ON THE SUBJECT OF LAND MORATORIUM

In WG 4's report it is recorded that sufficient consensus was reached, that no further transfers of land should take place from RSA to TBVC states.

It must, however, be remembered that there are a number of communities of people in the Rep of Ciskei, who have been waiting the fulfilment of promises on land issues made to them by the SA Government.

In some of these cases the community has been waiting more than 15 years for these promises to be fulfilled and it is difficult to contemplate that these people will be denied the compensatory land promised to them.

The Ciskei delegation would wish to propose that these land issues be addressed with immediate effect and the promised compensatory land be transferred to the communities without further delay.

Our argument in this regard is that irrespective of whether the Ciskei is re-incorporated into the greater united South Africa today or tomorrow, this inevitable fact should, however, not overshadow the rightful historical claim to their compensatory land. These communities were resettled from Herschel, Glen Grey and Humansdorp since 1972. The negotiations between the RSA and Ciskei Governments have already progressed to a point where final transfer of these released areas was a mere formality and a matter of time. It would therefore be totally unthinkable to now tell these communities that they are now suddenly no more going to get their land!