

WORKING GROUP 1

SUB-GROUP 3

BOPHUTHATSWANA'S SUBMISSION ON THE RE-STRUCTURING/-  
RE-CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARDS OF CONTROL OF PUBLIC BROADCASTERS  
IN THE TBVC STATES

INTRODUCTION

During the meeting of this sub-group on Tuesday 21 April 1992, it was twice suggested that whenever and wherever reference was made to the SABC, any discussions thereof be afforded a generic meaning to include the TBVC states. Bophuthatswana wishes to place on record the following points which represent the position Bophuthatswana has taken on this matter.

INCLUSION/NON-INCLUSION OF TVC

We leave the question of the TVC states to each of those states to determine for themselves. This is because we respect their sovereignty, political decision-making ability and self-determination. Bophuthatswana believes that in keeping with the foregoing, each one of the TBVC states should be allowed to decide for themselves what is in the best interests of their citizenry.

BOPHUTHATSWANA'S POSITION

The Government of Bophuthatswana is aware of the vexed nature of this matter. We believe that the sub-group can only do justice to the question by giving it far more attention than has been done. The suggestion to include Bophuthatswana's Broadcasting Corporation in the discussions that essentially centred around the SABC is evidence of the cursory manner in which this sub-group has attended to this matter.

In the view of the Government of Bophuthatswana, this sub-group cannot and should not hasten to agree or decide, even if only in principle, on matters that will impact on the sovereignty and future of Bophuthatswana. A specific Working Group at CODESA has been charged with the duty to negotiate, discuss and if possible agree on the constitutional future of the TBVC states. It is only in the light of decisions and/or agreements arrived at in/by that Working Group that any decisions/agreements impacting on institutions in Bophuthatswana can be taken.

In particular and in summary, Bophuthatswana does not accept nor agree to any decisions taken by this sub-group purporting to bring Bophuthatswana Broadcasting Corporation under the auspices of any authority, body or commission established pursuant to the decision to re-constitute or re-structure broadcasting in South Africa. In this regard Bophuthatswana keeps her options open.

27 APRIL 1992



**MEMORANDUM**

TO : THE CHAIRMAN

WORKING GROUP 1 PLENARY MEETING : TUESDAY 28 APRIL 1992

FROM : BOPHUTHATSWANA DELEGATION TO WG1SG3

DATE : 27 APRIL 1992

**APOLOGY FOR NON-ATTENDANCE AT PLENARY SESSION**

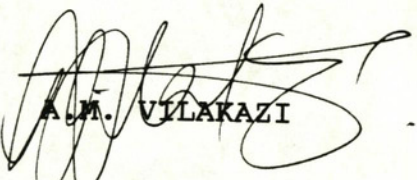
We hereby tender our apologies to the Plenary Session for our inability to attend the meeting referred to above.

The 1992 session of the National Assembly of Bophuthatswana commences on Tuesday 28 April 1992. We are expected to attend the opening of Parliament.

We believe, however, that we have made the position of the Government of Bophuthatswana clear and that there can be no doubt in the minds of participants as regards our standpoints on various issues discussed in our meetings heretofore.

We wish you a successful meeting and will resume our attendance after Tuesday 28 April.

With kind regards



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FOR : BOP DELEGATION