

COMMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE UPF
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THE UPF ENDORSES THE PROPOSALS AS SUBMITTED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY AND TO FACILITATE THE URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENTS MADE IN THE VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS. WE BELIEVE THAT A PERIOD OF FOUR WEEKS WILL BE REASONABLE FOR THE PLENARY SESSION TO COME TOGETHER TO ENDORSE THE PROGRESS MADE AND UPF SUPPORTS A PROPOSAL THAT THE PLENARY SESSION RECONVENE BY THE END OF JUNE BEFORE PARLIAMENT SESSION ADJOURNS. MAY WE FURTHER STATE THAT THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SUBCOUNCILS AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEES SHOULD BE SUCH THAT PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENTS ARE NOT PREJUDICED IN ANY MANNER.

FURTHERMORE, WE IN THE UPF WISH TO STATE CATEGORICALLY THAT AS PATRIOTIC SOUTH AFRICANS WHO PLACE THE NATIONAL INTERESTS ABOVE SECTIONAL ONES, FULLY ENDORSE THE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED BY THE LEADER OF THE ANC WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE, AMONG OTHERS, TO THE IMMEDIATE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION BY THE TRICAMERAL PARLIAMENT TO ENABLE THE ELECTION OF AN INTERIM TRANSITIONAL EXECUTIVE BODY TO DRAFT A NEW CONSTITUTION. SUCH A CONSTITUTION WILL, WE AGREE, BE APPROVED OF BY A SINGLE SUPREME PARLIAMENT FOR THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

FURTHERMORE, WE ENDORSE THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE ELECTION OF THAT BODY WILL BE CONDUCTED BY AN INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION WHICH SHOULD ENLIST THE ASSISTANCE OF AN INTERNATIONAL MONITORING BODY TO ENSURE THAT THE ELECTIONS ARE FREE AND FAIR. HOWEVER, TO FACILITATE THAT PROCESS MR. CHAIRPERSON, AS LEADERS OF THE RESPECTIVE POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OR GOVERNMENTS, WE MUST TAKE IT UPON OURSELVES TO BRING VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION TO AN END AS SO ADEQUATELY STATED BY THE STATE PRESIDENT HERE THIS MORNING. EXCEPT AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS PRESENTLY FAILING TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER IN THE COUNTRY. THE DAYS OF POLITICAL POSTURING AND MUDSLINGING EXERCISES MUST NOW GIVE WAY TO A NEW SPIRIT OF RECONCILIATION AND RECONSTRUCTION, OF TOGETHERHEID AND NOT APARTHEID. IF WE ARE SERIOUS AND DEDICATED TO OUR COMMITMENT TO PEACE AND STABILITY, AS LEADERS WE MUST REFRAIN FROM WAR TALKS AND JOINTLY HOLD PEACE RALLIES IN THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES.

IN THIS TASK, THE ISSUE OF AN INDEPENDENT MONITORING BODY SUCH AS THE OAU AND/OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS THE JOINT CONTROL OF THE SECURITY FORCES REMAINS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE. THIS WILL IN MY VIEW, NOT ONLY GIVE CREDIBILITY TO THE SECURITY FORCES BUT WILL REDUCE TO A MINIMUM, THE ATROCITIES PURPORTEDLY COMMITTED BY HIT SQUADS THAT ARE ALLEGEDLY ALLEGATIAN TO THE PRESENT SECURITY FORCES.

I WANT IN CONCLUSION TO REMIND WITH ALL HUMILITY
THOSE OF OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE HOMELANDS OR SO-CALLED
TBVC STATES THAT THE POSITIONS TO WHICH SOME OF US
WANT TO STICK LIKE GLUE ARE BUT A SHORT-TERM POLITICAL
HONEY-MOON.

I THANK YOU

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NB: AFTER PRESENTING THIS COMMENT MR. RAMODIKE RECEIVED
A STANDING OVATION AND APPROVAL FROM THE CODESA
GATHERING.