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## CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

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Dear Sirs,

Attached please find a copy of a letter sent to you on 17 January 1992. Please let us know if our proposal is in order.

Yours faithfully

RODNEY MAN

CHAIRMAN

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17 January 1992 CASA/072/1



The Chairman of the Steering Committee CODESA P O Box 307 ISANDO 1600

Dear Dr de Beer,

## REPRESENTATIONS TO CODESA FROM THE CHINESE COMMUNITY

We have followed with great interest the work of CODESA in providing the forum and framework for negotiations on a new political dispensation for South Africa. As South Africans, the Chinese community is vitally interested in all developments. In particular, we have noted press reports on the structures of CODESA, and groups to whom membership should be extended.

The Chinese Association of South Africa is the representative association for the Chinese community. It is not a political party, but has functioned as the mouthpiece of the community in all dealings on the political level. Since there are only some 15 000 Chinese in South Africa, they cannot be regarded as a major player in the political debates ahead. Nevertheless, the community wishes to express its views on possible solutions as it believes it is the unique position of having interfaced with all sectors of South Africa's population over past decades.

When you believe the time is opportune, the Chinese Association of South Africa would appreciate the opportunity to address CODESA at some stage in its deliberations.

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

RODNEY MAN CHAIRMAN



Mr Man P.O. Box 1571 Johannesburg 2000

3/3/92

Dear Mr Man

My apologies for responding at such a late date to your letter dated 17/2 92.

Your keen interest in the process of CODESA, exemplified through your letter is highly appreciated.

In response to your recent enquiry regarding your organisation's involvement in the process of CODESA, we advise that full participation is limited to legitimate political Parties/organisations and administrations from South Africa and its self governing territories, as well as representatives of the administrations of the TBVC states (Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei).

I must further advise that it may not be possible, given the nature of CODESA to have the Chinese Association of South Africa per se address CODESA. Such a possibility could arise where your association could be requested to make a written submission to any of the five Working Groups whose Terms of Reference I have enclosed for your perusal) which would determine whether an oral submission is necessary.

I should mention that the official closing date for all submissions from all interested Parties was 2nd March.

If you require any more information please do not hesitate to write or call at the number indicated on the letterhead.

Yours Sincerely

Murphy Morobe

(Head: CODESA Administration)