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Honourable Secretary

Our plea which is a matter of grave concern to us regards the culture, tradition and history of the Swazi people. Your honour, I believe it appropriate for me to highlight this particularly with the developments politically in our country.

The Swazi people, citizen of this country wish not to be left out in the unfolding new South Africa dispensation. The culture history and tradition of our people is a proud heritage, which cannot be easily ignored. As history says, the greater part of this land belonged to our people.

In the year 1927, king Sobhuza 11 acquires land from the Zulu's at 124 Berka Street Sophiatown. He then abolished all parties then in existence and formed one single party under his jurisdiction, which he named "The Swazi National Royal Club".

This party unites all the Swazi people, its chiefs and subjects of his majesty the king. Up until the government of the Republic removed everybody from Sophiatown to Meadolands, this party enjoyed growth and prosperity.

The late advocate Devries together with late Micheal Dlamini were the custodians of this land.

In 1964, the whole of the Swazi people went with Francis George Mashinini to his majesty the king, Sobhuza 11 that he be blessed by his majesty the king, as the eye and ear of his majesty in the Republic.

In 1969, the Swazi people then went yet again to his majesty king Sobhuza 11, this time, the gravest concern being the children born in the Republic, the Swazi kids whose history, culture and traditions being eroded in this metropolitan life.

His majesty replied thus; "seeing that you left the children who have become such a concern to you, I will follow you in due course and meet them, and fulfill your wishes by imparting to them the most important gift of our people, our traditions, culture and heritage".

In 1971 October, his majesty delegated a contingent of Swazi people from chiefs, members of the Royal family, men, women, young maidens, strong young men etc. This was the beginning of the young boys and girls to actively take part in the yearly tradition and ceremonies conducted in Swaziland, during August and December.

During Saturdays, Mr F G Mashinini ran meetings and lessons where knowledge and traditions were passed to the young ones. This was particularly important seeing that the children had no where to acquire this knowledge, not even at school were they exposed to their true self, the Swazi life, history and evolution.

It was imperative as it is particularly today for no nation, people can exist proudly as a nation without knowing where they come from, where they are headed to, who they are.

Yours faithfully

  
F G MASHININI



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16/3/92

Dear Mr Mashinini

Thank you for your letter dated 14/2/92.

The matters you raise in your letter are obviously very important and we respect your right as a South African to want to raise them with us.

Although we may not know a lot about the Swazi National Royal Club, we however wish to let you know that it is indeed through people organised in the various formations, organisations and or communities that history is made.

As you may be aware, full participation at CODESA is limited to legitimate political Parties/organisations and administrations from South Africa and its self governing territories, as well as representations of the administrations of the TBVC states (Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei)

Provision was also made for those who may not qualify in the terms defined above to be able to make submissions as Interest Groups. However these had until 2nd March 1992 to make such submissions.

Please find enclosed, for your organisation's interest the following documents:

1. Declaration of Intent
2. Terms of Reference of CODESA Working Groups.

Yours Sincerely

  
Murphy Morobe  
(Head: CODESA Administration)

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Dear Mr Maslimin.

Thank you for your letter dated 14 February 1992.

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