

**PROGRESS REPORT TO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON MEETING OF SUB COMMITTEE 4 HELD AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 1992**

**1 Matters arising from the minutes**

- 1.1 It was agreed that it was not necessary to reconvene WG 4 now, but that the question would be addressed again when the need arose.
- 1.2 It was agreed that the SA Government and the respective TBVC states would have to sign the final documents on reincorporation, but prior to this, all parties at Codesa should participate in the process and in the drawing up of the final agreements.

**2. Work programme**

- 2.1 It was agreed to recommend to the MC the establishment of the following Standing Task Groups:

**2.1.1 Standing Task Group: Juridical**

- 2.1.1.1 A Standing Task Group: Juridical, incorporating the proposals made by Mr RF Botha as recorded in the minutes of the meeting of sub committee 4 held on 8 June 1992 should be constituted.

- 2.1.1.2 Composition: the Standing Task Group: Juridical would consist of nine members. Each of the parties represented on sub committee 4 will nominate an individual with particular knowledge and expertise in the field of law, legislation, constitution-making and the juridical process.

- 2.1.1.3 The terms of reference of the task group will be as follows:

- 2.1.1.3.1 To investigate, research and report on all matters legal, juridical and legislative relating to issues arising out of reincorporation or non-reincorporation.

- 2.1.1.3.2 To review Working Group 4's report to CODESA 2 and identify and research all agreements, with particular reference to item 3.3 of the report, which states:

"Consensus was also reached on mechanisms of addressing the political, legal and constitutional implications of reincorporation. It was agreed to establish a technical committee. This committee should consult the Gender Advisory Committee. It should investigate within the context of the terms of reference of sub group 4 of working group 4 the following:

- 3.3.1 the relationship between South Africa and the TBVC states during the transitional phase;
- 3.3.2 consider legislation that would be required to effect reincorporation or non-reincorporation;
- 3.3.3 consider legislation and/or measures that would level the political playing field;
- 3.3.4 harmonisation of legislation.

- 2.1.1.3.3 Based on the report tabled by WG4 at CODESA 2, the identification of those agreements which require elaboration or refinement.
- 2.1.1.3.4 Based on the report tabled by WG4 at CODESA 2, the identification of outstanding matters as well as any other aspects arising from the Terms of Reference from Working Group 4.
- 2.1.1.3.5 To cover matters not yet covered by Working Group 4:
- the exact form of authority in the TBVC territories;
  - harmonisation of legislation and taxation;
  - orderly termination of bilateral and multilateral agreements and treaties;
  - the identification of specific constitutional, legal and political measures and steps which will have to be taken to effect reincorporation.
- 2.1.2 Four Standing Task Groups: Administrative and Practical implications of Reincorporation (or non reincorporation)
- 2.1.2.1 Standing task groups: Admin. would consider the administrative and practical implications of reincorporation (or non reincorporation) for each TBVC state.
- 2.1.2.2 Composition: The task groups should bear the CODESA character and consist of nine members each. The organisations represented on sub committee 4 will each nominate one delegate per task group.
- 2.1.2.3 The names of the standing task groups will be as follows:
1. Standing Task Group: Administrative and Practical implications - Transkei
  2. Standing Task Group: Administrative and Practical implications - Bophuthatswana
  3. Standing Task Group: Administrative and Practical implications - Venda
  4. Standing Task Group: Administrative and Practical implications - Ciskei
- 2.1.2.4 The terms of reference for each of these four standing task groups will be as follows:
- 2.1.2.4.1 Item 3.2 in the report of Working Group 4 to CODESA 2, which refers to the practical, financial and administrative effects of reincorporation. This should be read in conjunction with item 6, Land moratoriums and transfers, contained in the minutes of the meeting of sub committee 4 held on 8 June 1992 (as it relates to item 3.2.3).
- 2.1.2.4.2 To cover matters not yet covered by Working Group 4:
- strategies to keep the people of the TBVC states



- fully informed, especially to avoid unfortunate misunderstandings;
- the time frames for such a reincorporation and related processes;
  - the exact form of authority in the TBVC territories;
  - harmonisation of legislation and taxation;
  - orderly termination of bilateral and multilateral agreements and treaties;
  - ensuring public accountability of actions taken for the purposes of reincorporation.

The MC is also requested to note the following recommendations with regard to the appointment of the standing task groups:

- 2.1.3 It was agreed that the current chairperson of sub committee 4 would convene the first meeting of the standing task groups, and at the first joint meeting brief all delegates simultaneously. Members of sub committee 4 will also be present at the joint meeting. The task groups should thereafter determine from time to time how each would be chaired, bearing in mind the principle that the chairing of meetings should be rotated.
- 2.1.4 It was agreed that the minutes of the standing task groups should be tabled regularly in sub committee 4, and that where it is deemed necessary for the full standing task group to report to the sub committee, a joint meeting will be convened.
- 2.1.5 It was agreed that members of sub committee 4 need not necessarily serve on one of the standing task groups, but are not precluded from doing so.
- 2.1.6 It is likely that experts appointed to serve on the standing task groups by the various organisations may need to be remunerated. If so, the MC is requested to advise whether the cost could be met by CODESA.
- 2.1.7 It was noted that some of the standing task groups may wish to address the question of reincorporation on a regional basis. It was agreed not to prescribe in this regard to the standing task groups and to leave out any reference to 'regional solutions' in the terms of reference.

## 2.2 Review of terms of reference for sub committee 4

### 2.2.1 The way forward for sub committee 4

Mr Godden reported that he had been advised by the MC that it was up to sub committee 4 to set its work schedule.

2.2.1.1 It was agreed to work on the assumption that the MC will approve the establishment of the standing task groups at its next meeting on 29 June 1992, and that:

- 2.2.1.1.1 the secretariat should be advised of the names and fax numbers of nominees for the five standing task groups by **Friday 26 June 1992**;
- 2.2.1.1.2 the five standing task groups would meet on the 7, 14 and 28 July at 10h00, and that members of sub committee 4 will be present on



7 July during the joint briefing of the task groups by the chairperson of sub committee 4;

2.2.1.1.3 the standing task groups would be requested to identify short, medium and long term issues in their terms of reference, in order to facilitate the setting of priorities for their work, and to report on this to sub committee 4 as soon as possible.

## 2.2.2 Establishing a modus operandus for sub committee 4

2.2.2.1 It was agreed that sub committee 4 is a sub committee of the MC, and that the standing task groups are in turn mandated by sub committee 4. The standing task groups can only make recommendations to sub committee 4 and in turn sub committee 4 will make recommendations to the MC.

2.2.2.2 It was further agreed to point out to the MC that while in all probability sub committee 4 will not function beyond CODESA 3, the standing task groups may well need to continue with their work after CODESA 3 and within the framework of transitional arrangements as agreed by WG 3.

2.2.2.3 It was agreed that it may be necessary to reconvene WG 4 to present the reports of the standing task groups. The date for this meeting will be decided upon in due course.

## 2.2.3 Schedule of meetings

It was agreed that sub committee 4 will meet again on the following dates:

- Tuesday 7 July 1992 at 10h00 (the first joint meeting of the standing task groups)
- Wednesday 29 July 1992 at 10h00.

It was agreed that special notification would be sent to absent members regarding the:

- recommendations forwarded to the MC,
- anticipated first meeting of the standing task groups on 7 July,
- terms of reference for the standing task groups
- modus operandus for sub committee 4
- schedule of meetings

## 3 Report to Management Committee as per terms of reference paragraph 2.8

It was agreed that when sub committee 4 reports to the MC, both Ms SN Sigcau and the chair of the last meeting of sub committee 4 would attend the MC meeting. This is in accordance with the decision taken in the meeting of sub committee 4 held on 8 June 1992 and minuted at paragraph 4.2.3 i.e. that Ms SN Sigcau would be the permanent representative of sub committee 4 at MC meetings, and that the second representative would be appointed on a rotational basis.

It was agreed that progress reports would be drawn up by the secretaries and faxed out to delegates for comment prior to MC meetings.

## 4 General

### 4.1 Land moratorium

Mr Godden referred to the "Ciskei Position Paper to Codesa Working Group 4 on the RSA Land Moratorium as it relates to compensatory land issues with the Republic of Ciskei" (Addendum B). He requested that as the issue related to land transfer promises made between the SA Government and the relevant communities, sub committee 4 agree to the document being forwarded to the SA Government together with the request that these outstanding land issues be settled as soon as possible. After some discussion it was agreed that members of the TBVC government delegations on sub committee 4 would take up the matter of outstanding land transfer issues with their respective governments. Any claims should be tabled at the meeting of sub committee 4 on 29 July 1992, when they will be reviewed.

#### 4.2 Role of chairperson

Mr Matsana pointed out that in principle the person in the chair should focus on steering the meeting rather than contributing to the proceedings. It was agreed that in future the member appointed to chair meetings should be accompanied by a substitute who could then contribute on behalf of the organisation concerned to allow the chair to only guide the meeting and not present his or her party's particular point of view.

#### 4.3 Identity documents to be used in elections

Ms Sigcau raised the matter of forms of identification to be used in future elections, pointing out that the issuing of documents could take a considerable amount of time to complete. It was agreed to refer the matter to the electoral commission.