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**OPENING ADDRESS OF THE IYP
PRESIDENT, PRINCE S.J MAHLANGU
AT THE CODESA**

THE CHAIRPERSON, FOREIGN COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES, HONOURABLE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. WE ARE INDEED HERE TODAY WITNESSING ANOTHER IMPORTANT MILESTONE AND GREAT ACHIEVEMENT IN THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTRY THAT IS AN ENDEVOUR BY CONCERN POLITICAL PARTIES TO BRING ABOUT THE TRUE DEMOCRATISATION OF SOUTH AFRICA IN THIS CONVENTION. ALL PARTIES ARE INDEED PART OF HISTORY IN THE MAKING. MY PARTY ACCEPTS THIS CHALLENGE WITH OPTIMISM.

MR CHAIRPERSON, LET ME INDICATE THAT THIS IS A HISTORIC OCCASSION THAT IS NOT MERELY SYMBOLIC OR ATMOSPHERIC NOR IS IT A PUBLIC RELATIONS EXERCISE OF VARIOUS POLITICAL ORGANISATIONS. THIS OCCASSION IS SYMBOLIC OF AN EARNEST ENGAGEMENT OF ALL RELEVANT FORMATIONS IN A BID TO ACHIEVE A NEW ORDER THAT ALL PEACE-LOVING AND DEMOCRACY CONSCIOUS PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY HAVE BEEN TIRELESSLY WORKING FOR.

MR CHAIRPERSON, IT IS TRUE THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAS ENTERED AN ERA IN THE POLITICAL HISTORY WHERE DISUNITY AND INTOLERANCE CAN NOT BE ALLOWED TO EXIST. YES, WE HAVE ENTERED AN ERA THAT DEMANDS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS A HERE MEANINGFUL AND POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE MAKING OF A NEW ORDER IN THIS COUNTRY.

MY PARTY REMAINS STEADFAST IN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE UNITY OF SOUTH AFRICANS, ACCROSS ETHNIC AND RACIAL DIVIDES. WE ARE MORE CONFIDENT THAN EVER BEFORE THAT OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY WILL SOON BREATHE THE SWEET FRAGRANCE OF FREEDOM, PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

I WANT TO ADD MR CHAIRMAN THAT WE HAVE REACHED A STAGE IN THE DEMOCRATISATION PROCESS OF OUR COUNTRY WHERE POLITICAL CONFUSION AND MISDIRECTION CANNOT BE ALLOWED. WE NEED TO COME OUT CLEAR ON THE TACTICS AND MECHANISMS OF TRANSFERRING POWER FROM MINORITY RULE TO THE DEMOCRATIC AND LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF THE MANY. OUR CALL IN THIS REGARD HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE ERADICATION OF APARTHEID AND USHERING OF A DEMOCRATIC ORDER THAT WILL BE ACCOMODATIVE TO ALL SOUTH AFRICANS.

LET ME WARN, HERE THAT IT WOULD BE A FATAL MISTAKE TO ASSUME THAT THESE PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS, THE SO-CALLED CODESA ONE WILL ADDRESS ALL POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN THIS COUNTRY.

I WANT TO CONCLUDE, BY MAKING A CALL TO ALL PRESENT HERE TO COMMENCE HERE AND NOW WITH HONEST, TRUE AND SELFLESS ACTIONS THAT WILL TRANSLATE OUR DREAM OF CREATING A NEW ORDER INTO A LIVING REALITY.

LET THE STRUGGLE FOR CREATING PEACE AND JUST SOCIETY CONTINUE. LET THE EFFORTS OF ALL SOUTH AFRICANS WHO ARE DEDICATED AND SERIOUSLY COMMITTED IN CREATING AN NON-RACIAL, NON-SEXIST, DEMOCRATIC AND UNITED SOUTH AFRICA BE CROWNED WITH SUCCESS.

I THANK YOU MR CHAIRMAN.