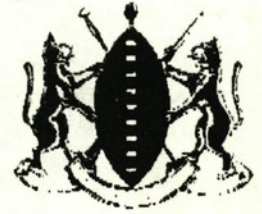


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DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BE CONSIDERED BY CODESA

The Transkei Government has considered the contents of the declaration of intent approved by the Steering Committee on the 18th of December. The Transkei Government is of the view that there is essentially no need for the South African Government to sign a separate undertaking. If one compares the two undertakings one finds that they are essentially the same. Regarding the first undertaking we recommended that the name of the South African Government be added to the list of signatories. Secondly, the word "commit" in the first undertaking should be altered to read "declare". Thirdly, we recommend that in that undertaking the words "hereby commit ourselves" be added after the words "CODESA and". Fourthly, we recommend that after the words "within our" the expression "capacity," be added.


Consequently, the need for a separate declaration for the South African Government falls away. It is our view that that undertaking be deleted. It must always be borne in mind that all the matters covered in the declaration relate to matters of policy which have been implemented by various Governments in South Africa. It would therefore be strange for a Government which maintains that it has a mandate to bring about fundamental changes in the country to maintain that the principles enshrined in the declaration ought not to be imposed on it. Such an omission will affect the proper functioning of CODESA. There is also another reason why the South African Government should sign

the first undertaking. On pages one and two of the declaration specific reference is made to the "South African Government". Such references were inserted for a very good reason.

Finally, it must be stated that the words appearing in the second undertaking and which read "we reach together with other participants in Codesa in accordance with standing rules" are superfluous as they merely seek to interpret the term "agreements". The term "agreements" can stand on its own without further elaboration as the standing rules outline the method by which CODESA shall reach its decisions.

We request that this matter be given serious consideration so as to facilitate the proceedings of CODESA. The amended text therefore reads:

We, the representatives of political parties, political organisations, administrations and the South African Government, further solemnly declare ourselves to be bound by the agreements of CODESA and hereby commit ourselves in good faith to take all such steps as are within our, capacity, power and authority to realise their implementation.


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