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WORKING GROUPS' FOCIIGROUP 1

1. There is need to level the playing field and provide the opportunity for all participants with a constituency to enter into dialogue in as free and fair a manner as is democratically possible.
2. The views of all participants must be heard before consensus decisions are reached.
3. The international community can be used in situations where complete impartiality is required. However it is important that the participants from the international community are persons perceived to be objective and unbiased.

GROUP 2

1. General constitutional principles such as the rights of the individual, freedom of speech, freedom of association and disassociation, and democracy/socialism need to be determined.
2. The principles of the draft proposals must be put to the people before the constitution body goes into the details of a constitution.
3. Traditional leaders must be free to participate but must not be given any special recognition. They must participate under the general principles agreed to.

GROUP 3

1. Transitional arrangements must only be an alternative if the broad principles agreed to differ markedly from the current government policies. If there are slight differences, there is certainly no need to establish interim structures. (This will be a waste of time and money.)

GROUP 4

1. The TBVC states must themselves decide on inclusion or exclusion in a common South Africa. The inclusion could be on a federal or regional basis.

GROUP 5

1. It is important that decisions taken must be implemented as soon as possible but not at the expense of disorientating society and not at the expense of creating disorder and chaos. A two year time frame would seem appropriate.
2. Before CODESA's decisions are implemented they must be tested at a forum where all the major political players are present. Once agreement has been reached it is important that the proposals are tested nationally among all the citizens of the country on non-racial lines.