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ALSO FOR SUBMISSION TO ZKTL SUB-COMMITTEE

ADDENDUM TO IFP'S SUBMISSION REGARDING PARTICIPATION OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE ZULUS AND THE KWAZULU GOVERNMENT AT CODESA.

INTRODUCTION:

This addendum is merely supplementary to our Main Submission and elucidates some misunderstandings surrounding this issue. Certain arguments have been raised to justify the exclusion of His Majesty. Here we wish to address just a few lest such a major decision be based on faulty misconceptions.

ARGUMENT 1

The King is above politics and therefore it is an inconsistency on the part of the IFP to now want to involve him in politics when the KwaZulu Government's Constitution puts him out of the political arena.

RESPONSE:

With respect, this is a factually incorrect argument. The truth is that the King is above party politics. The relevant legislation make this abundantly clear. As a constitutional monarch who actually has a seat in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly and a Personal Representative in this Chamber, it is understood that he does not eschew politics in general but only party politics. Consequently a particular political party cannot act as his sole spokespeople since his subjects belong to a variety of political homes.

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ARGUMENT 11

Why should CODESA give a special privileged position only to the Zulu King and not to other "traditional" leaders?

RESPONSE:

It would be presumptuous for the IFP to pontificate about other areas without consultation. It must be remembered, however, that when a proposal was made that not only the Zulu King but also Contralesa be represented, the IFP accepted that. Had this proposal been acted on, much of the bitterness might have been dissipated.

Clearly traditional leaders are an important ingredient of certain sections of our population's lives whilst others are not concerned with it. It is therefore severely counter-productive that when we are trying to fashion a home grown brand of democracy ab initio we should not only ignore but reject those things that are so near and dear to some of our fellow countrymen.

ARGUMENT 111

Admission of the Zulu King will lead to an untenable situation of multiple loyalties. The King himself will run the risk of not representing anybody.

RESPONSE:

The monarchy is an institution which should be taken into account when designing a future society. For some people it is their cultural umbilical cord. CODESA is a negotiating forum, a market place of ideas and not an arena for power-play. Multiple loyalties already exist at CODESA and, however inconvenient, have nevertheless not been questioned by the IFP. What is sauce for the goose is also sauce for the gander. Acceptance of this principle would go a long way towards "levelling the playing field".

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