

THE TRANSKEI PROPOSAL

1. I am concerned about binding decisions being taken on the basis of a specified majority. One cannot foresee developments which may take place and cannot be certain that the ANC alliance will always consist of at least one third of the members of CODESA. For instance, if Federalism becomes an issue, how will the parties vote? And what happens if there are changes in the power structure of any of the TBVC or other homelands? Or if the CP, HNP and AWB decide at a later stage for tactical reasons to join CODESA.
2. A procedure which permits parties to make reservations, provides for mediation etc, and enables the process to continue so that areas of consensus can be isolated from areas of disagreement has merit. Ultimately if deadlocks cannot be broken the claim that a Constituent Assembly is the only legitimate forum for making decisions becomes strengthened. A two-thirds majority in a Constituent Assembly may be legitimate: a two-thirds majority in CODESA can never be legitimate. After all, fifteen times nothing equals nothing. And that may be the true value of fifteen of the heads at CODESA

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