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BREAKDOWN IN CODESA WORKING GROUP 2 NEGOTIATIONS

The IFP is committed to the negotiation process. We are aware of the fact that if there were not grave difficulties in the way of reaching a widely supported constitutional settlement in South Africa, there would be no need for negotiations.

The IFP is negotiating with all the other political parties in the country who wish to negotiate because it is urgent to establish common cause wherever possible.

Common cause is not reached in one fell swoop but is built up over time as negotiations produce successes and as trust and consensus start developing.

It is widely recognised amongst all those involved in CODESA that phenomenal progress has been made in all the Working Groups. All Groups have outstanding matters and all Groups have achieved success which will make the successful handling of those matters possible.

The break-down in negotiations in Working Group 2 dealing with constitutional principles and the constitution-making body does not represent in our view a break-down of Working Group 2 in negotiations. Substantial agreements have been reached over a wide range of issues. We believe that South Africa and the world should be informed on what agreements have been reached and should be clearly told about the nature of the problem encountered in finalising the work of Working Group 2.

The agreements in all the other Working Groups and those already reached in Working Group 2 make CODESA a success and to deny that success is politically indefensible.

When one reaches this kind of impasse in negotiations you can either express your disappointment by wrecking activity or in salvaging activity. The IFP believes that all the parties involved in Working Group 2 should set themselves the task of coming together after CODESA 2. This should be done as soon as possible in order to solve problems in a more manageable atmosphere. Parties must resist resorting to putting issues in power-play politics and instead come together to further the politics of negotiation.

The equivalent of throwing your toys out of the cot because you cannot get your own way must be resisted at all costs.

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