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Dear Dr de Beer

Monitoring Broadcast Coverage of CODESA

The IBMN has been set up in response to the need for fair, unbiased reporting of political events in the South African media. It is an independent organisation comprising several university departments throughout the country, as well as members of various interest groups.

We will be undertaking a monitoring exercise on the broadcast coverage of CODESA and the participating organisations. However, because of the magnitude of work involved in monitoring various radio stations (which broadcast in different languages), all of which broadcast several news bulletins each day, we will require an analysis of written news transcripts in order to effectively monitor the coverage.

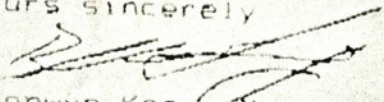
We would therefore appreciate it if, in your capacity as chairman of the Steering Committee and in the interest of creating an open political climate around CODESA, you request that the SABC supply these radio transcripts to the IBMN. We would require the three major daily news bulletins (i.e., main morning news, the lunchtime bulletin, main evening news) of the following radio stations:

- Radio Zulu
- Radio Sotho
- Radio Suid Afrika
- Radio South Africa
- Radio Metro

It would be appreciated if the SABC could submit transcripts dating from Friday 13 December to Monday 23 December 1991, to the fax number shown above.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely


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IBMN Coordinator
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