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MESSAGE:- Dear MR MOROSE

I am faxing you a copy of a letter we wrote to you on 24 APRIL 1992, + to which, to our knowledge we have not yet received a reply.

Please <sup>could</sup> you at least, let us have the names + contact telephone numbers of the members of the Gender Advisory Committee so that we may work through them.

Thank you

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Dear Mr Morobe

**REPRESENTATION AT CODESA**

Many thanks for your reply of 9 April, by fax, to our submission letter of 28 February 1992.

We are extremely pleased with the establishment of a Gender Advisory Committee (GAC), and understand that of the 22 people who attended the first meeting, 20 were women (Weekly Mail, 15/4/92). However, we feel that the GAC is the perfect means for allowing interest groups, especially women's, access to Codesa. Could this be considered?

In the absence of our being directly represented and with an obvious direct interest in the workings of the GAC, would it be possible for you to supply me with the names and contact telephone numbers of the participants?

I draw your attention to page 3 of our submission of 28 February in which we state:-

"In conclusion, we would reiterate that it is seemingly unfair that the Codesa negotiations, whilst seeking to advance the cause of a peaceful transition to a new deal for all South Africans, have seen fit to exclude non-political interest groups, many of whom are women, from the negotiating tables.

Most of these interest groups, many of whom have been active for years, have played a very constructive role regarding the welfare and needs of South Africans. Because they are non-political, they have been accepted and trusted by many South Africans.

Such knowledge and experience and expertise really cannot afford to be ignored by those who wish to design our future."

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We have another question. If an individual member of the public is not affiliated to any one of the 19 political organisations represented at Codesa, information about the proceedings at Codesa is difficult to obtain. But then it is difficult to obtain even for the Press. (See the Weekly Mail, April 10, page 16, "Open doors to Codesa", an article by Ameen Akhalwaya. Surely it is in the interests of all South Africans to be privy to the negotiations? What is the Codesa Management Committee doing about this?

We welcome your response to these issues.

Yours sincerely

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