

D I K W A N K W E T L A    P A R T Y

STANDPOINT ON CONSTITUTION MAKING BODY

It is our belief that :

1. CODESA, even if not democratically elected, represents a fair majority of the people of South Africa.
2. If CODESA can succeed in its efforts to involve all or most of the political parties who are presently not participants this representation would amount to what one would regard as sufficient consensus.
3. Any political party who still insists on non-participation does so out of own choice which might easily be extended to non-participation in any elections initiated by CODESA.
4. CODESA enjoys a credible amount of acceptance by the International community as an appropriate forum to effect change in this country.
5. Legitimacy of the final constitution does not necessarily depend upon the body which drew it. In fact whatever body will eventually be entrusted with the drafting will still make use of experts in the field to do the technical work.
6. Since the Constitutional principles have been compiled by CODESA it would be easier for CODESA to accommodate such principles than any other body.
7. Compilation of a voters roll might delay the election and therefore the constitution making process.
8. It is therefore our standpoint that CODESA should take the constitution making process as far as the actual drafting stage.
9. The final product may then be tested for acceptability or otherwise by means of any mechanism including a referendum.
10. The elected body then in place when the constitution is finalised shall then legalise it by means of legislation.