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UNITED PEOPLES FRONT SUBMISSION WORKING GROUP 5

Following agreements reached by the above Working Group that there is a need for the establishment of sub-groups to look into specific tasks within the guidelines of the terms of reference as outlined in the assignment of the Working Group; and realizing that despite the acknowledged difficulties in identifying all sub-groups which may be required to execute the assignment of the Working Group, it is possible to categorize in broad terms specific tasks in the assignment; we therefore hold the view that the duties as projected by the terms of reference be classified as follows :

1. (c), (d) and (h) in the terms of reference be addressed by a sub-committee on Time Frames.
2. (f), (g), (i) and (j) be addressed by a sub-committee on the Implementation of CODESA decisions or agreements.
3. (a), (b) and (e) addressed by the Steering Committee of this Working Group.

#### TIME FRAMES

Looking at the terms of reference regarding target dates for the business undertaken by Codesa and bodies created or established as a result of the decisions or agreements of Codesa it becomes clear that the setting of dates will depend largely on the progress made by or, the outcome of discussions in the other Working Groups of Codesa.

The United Peoples Front does not envisage <sup>an</sup> Interim Government which is completely democratic and for this reason we are of the opinion that such a government should not be allowed to remain in power for too long. Our view is that since such a government is only charged with the duty of overseeing transition while the constitution is being drawn up, a period of eighteen months will be sufficient. Even if an Interim government is established by way of referendum, we believe that its lifespan should remain limited to give way to a fully democratic government.

It is also our view that the establishment of an interim Government should be preceded by a conclusion on the future of the TBVC states so that the people of these states should be in a position to participate in an Interim Government. Consequently, progress made by Working Group 4 i.e. on the Future TBVC states is of vital importance for this Working Group (5) to determine time frames before and during transition.

IMPLEMENTATION OF CODESA DECISIONS

In view of the fact that Codesa's decisions are at present not legally binding it is advisable for all participants in this body to find ways and means of giving legal effect to the decisions or agreements reached.

It will be realized that in terms of representation, Codesa is more representative of the South African society than the present Parliament. But be that as it may, for now at least, we have to face the current reality of the present Parliament being the only legislative body, no matter how undemocratic. It is therefore imperative that the National Party as the ruling party in Parliament as well as a participant in Codesa, abide by both the spirit and intent generated by Codesa I and undertake to enact legislation which will result in Codesa decisions gaining legal force. Failure by the National Party to adopt this undertaking is most likely to stall all efforts made by Codesa thus far. It has become urgently imperative that the fate and future of this country should not rest with only one section of the community as it has been the case all along and the willingness of the NP to validate decisions of Codesa by passing legislation which will give them legal force will mark an important break with the past and a significant step forward for Codesa and the process of peaceful transition in general.

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