

**SUBMISSION OF THE XIMOKO PROGRESSIVE PARTY (XPP) ON THE  
REINCORPORATION OF THE TBVC STATES**

**1. Preamble**

1.1 The XPP would like to start by posing a question to Codesa as a matter of principle before the question of the re-incorporation of the TBVC states is handled in full.

1.2 Question

Does Codesa recognise the independence of the TBVC states on the basis of broad political legitimacy (broad political legitimacy is based on the fact that South African Government at the time of embarking on the Bantustan Policy and the subsequent independence of these Bantustans was not politically legitimate in the sense that a large section of the South African citizens (the Blacks) was politically excluded from political decision making structures).

1.3 Political legitimacy should not be confused with legal legitimacy. The question of legal legitimacy relates to the Acts of Parliament of the South African Government.

**2. The TBVC States and Political Legitimacy**

2.1 The XPP is of the opinion that Codesa should first agree in principle on the political legitimacy of the independence of the TBVC states in the context of broad South African politics before considering the logistics of their so-called re-incorporation.

2.2 However, if Codesa accepts the independent status of the TBVC states as politically legitimate, Codesa has to be consistent and accept (and or condone) all the contentious apartheid legislations of the past which were enacted by the South African Government.

**3. TBVC States as Part of South Africa**

3.1 The XPP is of the opinion that on the basis of political legitimacy, the TBVC States are in principle part of South Africa. For this reason, the question of their re-incorporation should not be their matter and that of the South African Government, but that of Codesa. Codesa should politely remind the TBVC States that they are part of the State of South Africa and that they should come and take their place and together with the rest of the citizens of South Africa, take part in the fashioning of the new South Africa.

3.2 The XPP is aware that although the TBVC States may regard themselves as independent, the truth is that to a large extent, that have been in existence because of the support of the South African tax payers' money. In short, economic realities negate the fact that they are truly independent. Without South Africa, most of them could not have survived.

**4. Codesa's Compromise**

4.1 Taking into consideration the spirit of Codesa ie the spirit of agreement by consensus, and taking into account also the fact that the ordinary man at grass-roots level in these TBVC states was a victim of circumstances, Codesa should compromise and give these governments of the TBVC states and their "citizens" the option of deciding whether or not to come back where they rightly belong.

4.2 The XPP, while in sympathy with the principle of self-determination, is not for balkanising the South African state into little separate independent entities. Once the principle of balkanising is accepted, where will the line to stop be drawn.

5. **The Logistics of Re-incorporation**

- 5.1 Once Codesa has resolved the question of the political legitimacy of the TBVC states, the question of the logistics of their re-incorporation could then ~~be~~ considered.