

## WORKING DOCUMENT A OF WG4 SUBGROUP 1 (TESTING THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE)

Consequent to considerable time and effort having already been spent in plenary session, investigating and reporting on all proposals and recommendations with regard to the relationships between South Africa and the TBVC states under a new constitution, the following key issues and problems have been identified:

1. Is it desirable to support the reincorporation of the TBVC states into the new South Africa?  
and
2. Is it desirable to test the will of the people regarding reincorporation?

Furthermore, as a consequence of the debate which has already been conducted, together with the written submissions made, the following areas of commonality have been identified:

1. All delegations, with the exception of Bophuthatswana, have no objections to reincorporation. Bophuthatswana does not consider reincorporation at the present time, and is still considering constitutional options.
2. All delegations, with the possible exception of Ciskei, have agreed that the people themselves must have a deciding voice in this matter.

In its written submission, Ciskei is of the opinion that the people have already spoken. However, subject to decisions taken at CODESA, Ciskei will have no objections to testing the will of the people.

The ANC believes that it is the will of all the people of South Africa, including the TBVC states, to be tested on a non-ethnic and non-racial basis.

In terms of broad principles, therefore, there is substantial (but not unanimous) agreement that it would be desirable to reincorporate the TBVC states and that some sort of testing of the will of the people will be part of this procedure.