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Message : Please receive copies of the "laws" passed at the Peoples Assembly held in KwiT on the 6 April 1992. Please pass these on to the relevant working groups

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LAW ON THE SPEEDING UP OF INTERIM GOVERNMENT

THIS PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY,

NOTING the undemocratic nature of the Ciskei government, which does not represent the interests of the people in the region;

AND BELIEVING that a climate for free political activity in Ciskei cannot be obtained until the Ciskei administration is replaced by an interim government that covers the whole of South Africa;

THEREFORE rejects the South African government's attempts to delay the process of establishing an interim government.

AND RESOLVES that the process of establishing an interim government for the whole of South Africa must be undertaken immediately.

Adopted this sixth day of April 1992 at the People's Assembly in King William's Town

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LAW ON THE REINCORPORATION OF THE BANTUSTANS

THIS PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY,

NOTING the oppressive legacy of apartheid which has imposed the system of bantustans on the people without their consent;

AND BELIEVING that the continued existence of the bantustans stands in the way of any progress towards peace and democracy in South Africa;

AND FURTHER BELIEVING that apartheid institutions must be abolished in their entirety;

THEREFORE RESOLVES that the process of reincorporation should be implemented without any further delay, and South African citizenship restored to all those who were robbed of their citizenship.

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LAW ON THE REMOVAL OF THE SADF FROM CISKEI

THIS PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY,

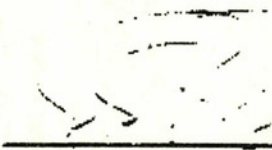
NOTING the conscious and deliberate deployment of seconded and former SADF, CCB and military intelligence officials throughout the Ciskei security forces to undermine democratic organisation and spread violence and conflict in the region;

AND BELIEVING that there cannot be stability in Ciskei until these officials have been removed;

THEREFORE RESOLVES that all seconded and former SADF, CCB and other military intelligence officials should immediately leave Ciskei.

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LAW ON HARASSMENT OF TRADITIONAL LEADERS

THIS PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY,

NOTING the current harassment of traditional leaders in Ciskei, and in particular the disgraceful treatment handed out to the Paramount Chief by the Ciskei administration:

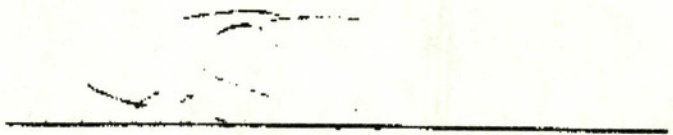
AND BELIEVING that the status of legitimate chiefs should not be undermined by the petty politics of an illegitimate bantustan administration;

THEREFORE RESOLVES to censure the Ciskei administration for its actions, and demand an immediate apology from the Ciskei administration.

AND FURTHER RESOLVES to reaffirm the status of the Paramount Chief and accord him all due respect as a traditional leader of the people.

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LAW ON VAT

THIS PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY,

NOTING that the unilateral imposition of VAT has contributed to inflation, and shifted the tax burden to the workers and the poor;

AND FURTHER NOTING that 16,3 million of our people live below the poverty datum line;

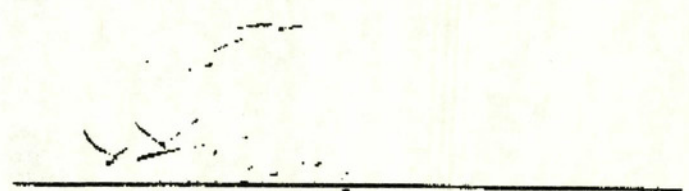
AND BELIEVING that all adjustments to the taxation system during the transition must be implemented through a joint economic negotiating forum;

THEREFORE RESOLVES that there should be zero rating of VAT on ~~basic foods~~: electricity, water, medicines and medical services;

AND FURTHER RESOLVES that adequate relief programmes and a reduction in basic food prices must be implemented urgently to address the critical problems of poverty and hunger.

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LAW ON EDUCATION CRISIS

THIS PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY.

NOTING the current crisis in education as a result of the racist and unequal allocation of resources.

AND FURTHER NOTING the unjustified disruption of education and harassment of teachers and students by the Ciskei administration,

AND BELIEVING that free, equal and compulsory education for all is a basic human right,

THEREFORE RESOLVES that the Ciskei administration should immediately stop its harassment of teachers and pupils, and reinstate all dismissed teachers.

AND FURTHER RESOLVES that there should be immediate parity with regard to allocation of education resources, and that the creation of a single national education system must be implemented through negotiation at a national Education Forum.

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**VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN CISKEI
ADMINISTRATION**

THIS PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY,

NOTING the grossly incompetent manner in which the Ciskei administration is being run,

AND FURTHER NOTING that Gqozo has misled the people of Ciskei and reneged on his undertakings to respect the will of the people,

AND FURTHER NOTING that the Ciskei administration is being used as a platform for reactionary forces to undermine the process of a peaceful transition to democracy.

AND FURTHER NOTING Gqozo's blatant misrepresentation of the interests of the people of Ciskei at Codesa.

AND BELIEVING that Gqozo is unable to continue leading the Ciskei administration during the current transition.

THEREFORE passes a vote of no confidence in the Ciskei administration and calls on the military council to bow to the will of the people.

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**LAW ON THE ABOLITION OF THE DEATH SENTENCE
AND RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS**

THIS PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY,

NOTING that despite all undertakings by the South African government many political prisoners are still languishing in jails in South Africa and its bantustans.

AND FURTHER NOTING the large number of people waiting on death row for execution of sentence.

AND BELIEVING that the death penalty is a fundamental violation of human rights.

THEREFORE RESOLVES that all political prisoners should be immediately released.

AND FURTHER RESOLVES that there should be an immediate moratorium on all executions and the death sentence should be abolished.

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LAW ON REINSTATEMENT OF DISMISSED CISKEI CIVIL SERVANTS

THIS PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY,

NOTING the unfair dismissal of thousands of Ciskei civil servants despite attempts to negotiate a settlement to the dispute,

~~AND FURTHER NOTING the continued harassment and dismissal of Ciskei officials who do not support the anti-democratic and reactionary agenda of Gqozo and his military advisers,~~

~~AND BELIEVING that such actions are a contravention of the basic rights of employees, and a subversion of the principles of democratic government.~~

THEREFORE RESOLVES that the harassment of government employees by Gqozo and his advisers should immediately cease, and all dismissed civil servants should be immediately reinstated.

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LAW ON THE HEADMEN ISSUE

THIS PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY,


NOTING the undemocratic reimposition of the headmen system in Ciskei against the will of the people.

AND BELIEVING that the use of the headmen system as an instrument of oppression and political patronage is a violation of the principles of the Peace Accord and the declaration of intent adopted at Codesa.

AND FURTHER BELIEVING that the headmen system is being used to undermine the position of traditional leaders.

THEREFORE suspends the headmen system in Ciskei until a proper democratic system of local government has been agreed upon in negotiations.

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LAW REPEALING SECTION 43

THIS PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY.

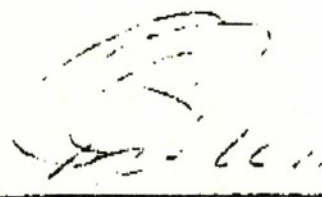
NOTING the absence of free political activity in Ciskei, and in particular the imposition of section 43 of the National Security Act of 1982 which is both designed and used to deny free political expression in Ciskei;

AND BELIEVING that section 43 of the National Security Act of 1982 violates the Peace Accord and the declaration of intent adopted at Codesa;

THEREFORE repeals section 43 of the National Security Act of 1982, and replaces it with Section 2.5 of the National Peace Accord.

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LAW ON VIOLENCE

THIS PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY,

NOTING the current wave of violence which is being used to destabilise the transition towards a democratic government,

AND BELIEVING that the South African government has so far deliberately not taken sufficient action to root out the reactionary forces behind the violence,

AND FURTHER BELIEVING that the impartiality and full cooperation of the security forces in addressing the violence cannot be guaranteed until the existing armies have been integrated into a united non-racial security force.

THEREFORE RESOLVES that the government must take immediate steps in consultation with mass-based democratic organisations to resolve the violence, and as a matter of urgency must initiate the process of negotiation around integration of Umkhonto we Sizwe and other armies into the security forces.

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~~LAW ON CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY~~

THIS PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY,

NOTING the opposition of the Ciskei administration to an elected constitution making body,

AND BELIEVING that no government can justly claim authority unless it is based on the will of the people,

THEREFORE RESOLVES that a Constituent Assembly elected on the basis of universal adult franchise be established forthwith to draw up the constitution for a non-racial, non-sexist democratic South Africa.

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