

ADDENDUM D

TRANSKEI GOVERNMENT

ADDENDUM TO TRANSKEI'S WORKING GROUP 4 INPUT TO CONVENTION FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA (CODESA)

The original position of Transkei was vividly set out under the contribution made by Working Group 4 on future of TBVC States on a document presented by Transkei delegation to Codesa Working Groups on 6 February 1992. In the said document it was spelt out that the "desirability or otherwise of the re-incorporation of such States" cannot in our view be separated from the notion of testing the will of the people concerned regarding re-incorporation or otherwise of the TBVC States by acceptable democratic means. The whole process of re-incorporation has as its starting point the testing of the will of the people.

After the historic speech of the 2nd February 1990 by President de Klerk Transkei formed a committee representing 159 organisations existant in Transkei. This committee was charged with the responsibility of collecting the views of the people on the possibility of re-incorporation into a new South Africa. A draft referendum decree was published and all Transkeian citizens and other interested parties in Southern Africa were afforded an opportunity to express their opinions. The result of this was that instead of expressing views on the desirability or otherwise of holding a referendum an overwhelming majority expressed the desire for Transkeians to be restored South African citizenship and for Transkei to be re-incorporated into South Africa.

With the advent of Codesa, Transkei Government summoned a meeting of 59 organisations operating in Transkei, to discuss the invitation and the participation of Transkei Government at Codesa. At this meeting a Transkei delegation comprising of government and non-government officials was formed and given a mandate to participate at Codesa with a clear set of guidelines on each aspect of their participation.

Transkei has all along been firm on the question of testing the will of the people under the aegis of Codesa. However, the government has recently seen it fitting to sound the views of its citizens on the same issue in the light of events taking place at Codesa, and the government had to be guided by the views of the people.

A joint meeting of the 159 member referendum committee and the 59 organisations which mandated Transkei participation at Codesa was summoned to consider the necessity of holding a referendum on the question of re-incorporation into South Africa and the restoration to Transkeians of South African citizenship. The said meeting was held on 13 April 1992 at which it was overwhelmingly resolved that a referendum was no longer a requirement for the Transkei to join the new apartheid free South Africa.

Transkei delegation has henceforth been mandated to revise the original position as we hereby do regarding the testing of the will of the people. Transkeians want restoration of their South African citizenship which they claim was taken away from them without consultation. Transkei intends to be part of the negotiations at Codesa right up to the elections and installation of an elected Interim Government/Constituent Assembly at which stage re-incorporation can take place.