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XIMOKO PROGRESSIVE PARTY

INITIAL VIEWS ON THE MATTER OF THE FUTURE OF THE TBVC STATES

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The Ximoko Progressive Party accepts that the TBVC States have arisen out of the pursuit of the objects of Apartheid and that therefore they do not enjoy the recognition of the international community. Constitutionally, however, their independence is a fact.

What is more important, however, is the legitimacy of the process which gave rise to their independence. This matter is fundamental to the debate as to whether these states should be reincorporated into South Africa or not. It must also be borne in mind that there are close parallels between the matter of the future of the TBVC states and the matter of the self-determination of peoples tabled for discussion by Working Group 2.

The Ximoko Progressive Party is of the opinion that the logical point of departure would be for CODESA to take a view on the current status of the TBVC states, and specifically the legitimacy of their independence in the broadest sense, before proceeding to the consideration of the implications of their reincorporation into South Africa or otherwise. It must be borne in mind that if the question of reincorporation is to be a matter upon which the TBVC states have the final say then in effect they have been extended the option of autonomy, which option would then also, mutatis mutandis and in the interests of even-handedness presumably also have to be extended to other groups.

The Ximoko Progressive Party is convinced that the question of the reincorporation of the TBVC states raises more than merely mechanistic issues and that CODESA has to take a view on the fundamental issues before the implications of the possible reincorporation of the TBVC states in more mundane terms are contemplated.