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re : OPERATION OF THE PEACE ACCORD IN THE TBVC STATES WHICH PREVIOUSLY FORMED PART OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

It is important for peace in South Africa that the Peace Accord, and also regional and local peace committees provided for in the Peace Accord, be able to operate in the TBVC states which were previously part of the Republic of South Africa. These territories are socially and economically linked into South Africa, and internal and cross-border violence occur from time to time.

The position in respect of each of the territories are as set out below :

1 BOPHUTHATSWANA

There are restrictions on political activity in Bophuthatswana. Certain political parties, particularly the ANC, find the legal requirements for political activity unacceptable. Observers from our Peace Structures, and also international observers, find it difficult to gain access to observe political activity. I believe that much of the violence which does occur can be avoided if the facilitation and monitoring facilities available from regional and local peace committees are available.

There are continuous negotiations between the National Peace Secretariat, the international observers and the Bophuthatswana government, but so far no acceptable solution has been reached.

2 TRANSKEI

Although I had discussions with the Military leader of Transkei who indicated that members of the National Peace Secretariat and of the international observer groups were welcome in Transkei, no regional or local peace committee operates within the Transkei. Such committees need to be established.

3 VENDA

Agreement has been reached between all interested parties for the establishment of a local peace committee for Venda, and steps are being taken for the formation of such a committee. It is believed that such a committee will contribute greatly to reducing violence in Venda.

4 CISKEI

Although the Ciskei government is a signatory to the Peace Accord, the Ciskei government has withdrawn from active participation in the Border/Ciskei regional peace committee. The government is, however, participating in certain other peace structures. Monitors and international observers have free access to the Ciskei to monitor political activity. The absence of the Ciskei government at the Border/Ciskei regional peace committee is, however, a major stumbling block in many of the peace negotiations.

The National Peace Secretariat will greatly appreciate assistance from the Multi-Party Negotiating Forum to promote the signing of the Peace Accord with the governments of Transkei, Bophuthatswana and Venda, the participation of these governments in peace committees, and free access for peace observers (both NPS and international) to monitor political activities within these regions.

I attach hereto a letter received from the Chief of Mission of the United Nations Observer Mission in South Africa, dealing with this subject.

Yours sincerely

  
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