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1. Telephone conversation between Streeter and Ms Glenda Cohen today refers.
2. Enclosed please find the South African Government's position statement is requested.

Regards

**POSITION STATEMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN
GOVERNMENT, 7 APRIL 1992**

CODESA : WORKING GROUP FOUR

("Future of the TBVC states")

**AGENDA ITEM 4, OF WORKING GROUP FOUR'S MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
21 APRIL 1992 ("position statements from each of the TBVC
states and the SAG")**

Position of the South African Government regarding the re-incorporation of the TBVC states in response to a consensus request of Working Group Four on 30 March 1992 regarding position statements.

The South African Government wishes to confirm that:

1. Within the framework of the Declaration of Intent and the Terms of Reference of Working Group Four and its Sub-groups, the right to choose whether or not to re-incorporate into South Africa under the present constitution or a transitional constitution or a final new constitution remains that of the Government and the people of each of the TBVC states.

2. The views of the people of the TBVC states on the above-mentioned alternatives must be tested democratically in a free, fair and meaningful process before re-incorporation can be decided upon.
3. While the South African Government has no objection to negotiate the re-incorporation of any of the states, the South African Government will not exert any pressure on, or agree to any railroading of, any state and its people to choose either re-incorporation or the retention of the status quo or any other constitutional alternative.
4. If the response to the testing of the will of the people in a state is in favour of re-incorporation, and if re-incorporation is decided upon, the following matters will have to be attended to in bilateral negotiations between the Government of the relevant state and the Government of the Republic of South Africa:
 - (a) terminating the sovereignty of the relevant state;
 - (b) transfer of the executive, legislative, judicial and administrative functions of the relevant state to constitutional structures which are compatible with the present or transitional or final new constitution of South Africa whichever may be in force at that stage; and
 - (c) restoration of citizenship.