

SUBMISSION BY THE VENDA GOVERNMENT TO SUB-COMMITTEE I OF W.G. 4 ON TESTING
THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE

As early as 1989 the people of Venda have clearly indicated to the government that they would favour re-incorporation back into their legitimate country South Africa. This they pronounced through petitions, demonstrations etc. However this action did not come as a surprise because the masses had already realized that by accepting independence which was proposed to the Venda authorities then, did not only mean that their citizenship was lost, but that Venda was not economically viable, not internationally recognised, but continually obtained inadequate funds from the RSA government.

The recent political developments in RSA, especially the coming into being of CODESA were indeed exciting to the Venda citizens and the government because we view CODESA an institution which will facilitate the re-incorporation of the independent states. With CODESA in its place today, we do not see any need for any bi-lateral meetings on re-incorporation of the states.

We therefore consider it a matter of importance that the RSA government prepare Legislation that will nullify the Status Acts of the TBVC states as soon as it is practical. This action will make it possible for all the RSA Citizen to participate in constituting the Interim Government and in participating in the Nation Referendum, a matter which we consider very necessary.

The holding of referanda, elections etc, to test the will of the people regarding re-incorporation is in our view just but a useless exercise because all S.A.'s citizens have always in one way or another registered their intentions to re-incorporate and to be finally united with their fellow S.A. brothers.
