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XIMOKO PROGRESIVE PARTY

COMMENTS ON THE RE-INCORPORATION OF BOPHUTATSWANA DATED 17 FEBRUARY 1992
BY WORKING GROUP 4

1. It is imperative that the Bophuthatswana Government discards the so-called independence and join forces with the positive leaders of South Africa to hammer out a peaceful and democratic constitution for the envisaged New South Africa.

2. The Ximoko Progressive party recognises that the tribally based Bophuthatswana "independent" state is a constitutional reality. However Bophuthatswana is the product of Grand Apartheid.

3. ADMINISTRATION

3.1 The Government of the day probably genuinely believed that administration could sensibly be left to the Bophuthatswana Government.

4. POLITICS

4.1 Bophuthatswana constitutes a geo-political unit as evidenced by the fact that it is not recognised by the international community.

4.2 The Ximoko Progressive Party feels that Bophuthatswana must not in effect be given the choice to secede from South Africa.

5. ECONOMY:

5.1 It is our feeling that re-incorporation of Bophuthatswana would be to the economic advantage of both Bophuthatswana and South Africa, but we recommend that a Sub-Working Group be charged with the specific task of investigating this matter.

- 5.2 If Bophuthatswana is to be given the right to secede and the right to non-incorporation, it must be made very clear to the Bophuthatswana electorate that before any referendum takes place, it runs the risk that no further economic support from S.A will be forthcoming. This in itself should ensure that all the Citizens of Bophuthatswana take an informed decision.
6. It must be borne in mind that in dealing with the TBVC states we are creating a precedence to which we will be bound ~~to~~ in dealing with the applications by other interest groups seeking autonomy and or secession from S.A. It is important that all such cases be judged against the interest not only of the seceding party but against the interests and wishes of the broader South African Community.
- 6.1 It should be pointed out to Bop that in the event of their unilaterality opting not return to S.A., the benefit of dual citizenship they currently enjoy would not be available to them.