

SUBMISSION BY INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY TO SUB COMMITTEE 3 OF WORKING GROUP NO. 4
ON ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, AND PRACTICAL EFFECTS OF RE-INCORPORATION OF
T.B.V.C STATES

1. It is a well known fact that Inkatha Freedom Party never ever favoured the independence of T.B.V.C States. Such rejection was even mentioned when tricameral parliament was established. It was therefore the agreement of T.B.V.C States together with South African Government that they eventually negotiated terms of such independence.
2. After such action all T.B.V.C States got recognition by S.A. government only and were fully rejected by foreign countries. They struggled a lot to make their independence a success, however they did get experience.
3. If such States wish for re-incorporation that must however be done in an orderly way through full negotiations. Such States should if possible positively contribute towards re-incorporation so as to belong where they were before they opted for independence, but it must be clear that they themselves should decide whether to re-incorporate or not.

LAND TRANSFERS

Any matter touching land is always serious, but becomes worse when such land is to be transferred to a future you don't know. Before land transfers, we all know that there were bilateral talks and agreement between S.A. Government and T.B.V.C States. If there would be any moratorium on land transfers, such should depend on whether such States are for re-incorporation or not. At the same time we will achieve nothing to wait for those who are still reluctant for re-incorporation. For those already positively decided for re-incorporation moratorium on land transfers must take place.

TRANSFER OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

After re-incorporation assets will fall under the control of that relevant regional government within which such State falls, as we believe such governments will also need assets. Similarly these Regional Governments must absorb their liabilities. The S.A.G would have to be involved in sorting these Assets & Liabilities particularly with respect to foreign countries.

REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS

We think there is no question that the new constitution will make provisions for (a) Central
(b) Region and
(c) Local governments

Most people if not all favour regionalism. Re-incorporation will become a possibility if regionalism is encouraged.

Inkatha Freedom Party proposes a fully demarcated region based on geographical and economical basis which will also be non racial. Certain powers should be devolved to such regions. I.F.P is against any delegation of powers to regions. Such regions must have entrenched powers which may not be withdrawn by the Central Government.

USE OF EXISTING STRUCTURES

The South African Government should take control of the Defence, Police foreign Affairs etc. Other structures such as schools, hospitals etc should be controlled by Regional Government.

GOOD ADMINISTRATION DURING TRANSITION

For the smooth and undisturbed running of administration, the present situation should be kept in action during this transitional period. The Central Government should continue financing such states until a new South African Government is established.

FUTURE OF CIVIL SERVANTS

We are aware that no administration will function successfully without the civil servants. These people should get enough protection as possible. They should not suffer any loss during transitional period. It is important that their salaries and other benefits such as pensions etc be retained. They should be integrated together with their benefits. None of them will be retrenched, for those Departments which will not exist after re-incorporation, such civil servants to be utilised in other departments.

RETENTION OF BUSINESS CONFIDENCE

Business people play a major role in any country & to keep them active, business confidence becomes an important aspect. T.B.V.C States will gradually collapse if business confidence is not promoted. If such States will cease and S.A. Government legislation will take place. There must be a way of briefing business people as far as that is concerned.