

## PROPOSALS TO CODESA WORKING GROUP FOUR

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### A. Introduction

As a resident of one the TBVC states I feel that the issue has to be fairly and carefully treated. This can only be achieved if the committee can establish mechanisms of communicating directly with people in these states. I don't think writing letters is the best mechanism as most of these states are rural and as such majority of people cannot make any meaningful contribution due to illiteracy and lack of access to media.

However we need to consider some facts when dealing with TBVC states.

### B. Legitimacy of these states.

It is a fact that TBVC states has been created not in the interest of most South Africans and as such never accepted by most South Africans, even by international communities. Its leaders have been co-opted and has always been furthering the interests of South African government.

This was demonstrated by restoration of Mangope back to power after the successful coup of 1988. It was also reflected by alleged South African involvement in a bid to overthrow Gen. Holomisa of Transkei in 1990 because he deposed their puppet. In essence these states had never been independent, they were just extra arms of apartheid.

### C. Inside the TBVC states.

The TBVC's are in constant chaos. This is reflected by strike of legal personnel in Bophuthatswana in 1990, the strike of civil servants in Ciskei and many other allegations of corruption and nepotism.

The state repression is also of unacceptable rate. In Bophuthatswana, where I am writing from, people are consistently harassed, fired from their and non-Bop citizens (S.Africans) are deported back to South Africa.

These people are looking forward to CODESA to bring an end to miseries, and if CODESA cannot, it is everybody's guess of what will happen.

#### D. Disbandment of TBVC's states.

It is my view that CODESA has to bring peace and stability to our troubled South Africa. If it so it has to see that these states are immediately disbanded, otherwise it would have done great disservice to millions of South Africans living in these states and we will be back to the state of chaos that we are trying to avoid.

#### E. Replacement of TBVC's.

With TBVC's dismantled, it is clear that we would need some administrative structures. However we have to be careful that the structures don't replace the homelands. The structure that I propose is and should be purely administrative. It should not have political powers. I propose administrative structure similar to provincial administration, but has to be adjusted to cope with increased workload.

#### F. Conclusion

In conclusion, I would like to point that CODESA would not have completed its work if it would leave millions suffering and yearning for their birth-right citizenship.

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