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UNITED PEOPLE'S FRONT

SUBMISSION TO CODESA

CONSENSUS.

The United People's Front, noting with great concern the reservation statement submitted to Codesa on 24 February 1992 by the Bophuthatswana Government, recommends that they (Bophuthatswana) be excluded in any assessment of Consensus at all Codesa meetings.

UNITED PEOPLE'S FRONT

PRESENTATION TO WORKING GROUP 4 SUB-GROUP 2 ON MONDAY 9 MARCH 1992.

Theme: How South African Citizenship is to be restored to people in the TBVC states.

In order to enable people in the TBVC states to fully participate in all efforts to reunite the separate structures created by apartheid it is crucial that the South African Citizenship be restored to all South Africans including people in the TBVC states as a matter of urgency.

As people in the TBVC states were deprived of their South African Citizenship en bloc by statute, the reversal of the process should follow the same path whereby the South African government should amend its Citizenship Act accordingly to open the South African citizenship to all people including those in the TBVC states.

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

THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE

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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.

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