

Madam Chair, the Ciskei Government wishes to align itself with the proposal submitted by the Democratic Party yesterday.

That submission as we understand it sums it all. In general we agree with the sentiments expressed therein.

The question of the testing of the will of the people has already been decided by Sub-group 1 of Working Group 4 and there was sufficient consensus on the need of testing of the will of the people living in the so-called TBVC states by way of a referendum.

The Ciskei position has always been that on the concept of re-incorporation as such there is no need for the testing of the will of the people but it is indeed desirable that when the constitutional principles have emerged the so called bottom lines have to be placed before the people so that we can find out from them as to whether they are prepared to be incorporated into a new South Africa based on such principles. As we understand the submission by the DP each state will count its votes separately and to us this seems logical and there is no racism implied in this if we understand this submission correctly.

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