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XIMOKO PROGRESSIVE PARTY

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SUMMARY POSITION ON THE TBVC STATES

1. The Ximoko Progressive Party recognises:

- That the TBVC states may be considered to have acquired their independence from a recognised though illegitimate government in the sense that the South African Government of the time was not democratically elected by all those in the country who should have had the right to participate in its election.
- That the TBVC states currently enjoy de facto and arguably de jure independence.
- That the TBVC states are presently participating in CODESA by unconditional invitation and that they reserve the right not to be reincorporated into South Africa should they so decide.

2. The Ximoko Progressive Party maintains:

- That the question of legitimacy or illegitimacy of the independence of the TBVC states is of academic interest only. In practical terms there are two aspects which need to be taken account of in determining the future relationships between South Africa and the TBVC states, namely:
  - The will of the people of those states regarding reincorporation into South Africa and, in the event of their opting to remain independent, their will in respect of the nature and extent of future international relationships with South Africa;
  - The will of the people of South Africa on the question of reincorporation and, in the event of the TBVC states opting to remain independent, the will of the people of South Africa on the question of the nature and extent of future international relationships with South Africa.
- That the TBVC states are regarded worldwide as products of Apartheid and will continue to be so unless their position is legitimised. This could presumably only be achieved if both the citizens of these states and those of South Africa supported their independence and such independence represented the democratic will of all concerned. A unilateral decision of the TBVC states to retain their independence would therefore have potentially crucial consequences for their citizens of which they should be made thoroughly aware before being required to make a decision;

That, until such time as the question of reincorporation of the TBVC states into South Africa is resolved, they remain de facto independent states with no right to participate on the same basis as South African's internal parties in the process of determining the constitutional future of South Africa. This argument is based on the principle that those participating in the debate should be those who will have to bear the consequences of any decisions flowing therefrom.