

**CITIZENSHIP**

(Submission by the South African Government)

1. Present laws on Citizenship

A number of laws regulate citizenship in South Africa. However, the main acts dealing with the TBVC countries are the following:

- \* South African Citizenship Act, 1949 (Act 44 of 1949)
- \* Restoration of South African Citizenship Act, 1986 (Act 73 of 1986)

2. Number of people affected

Total of figures supplied by TBVC countries.

3. Residence of citizens

Resident in SATBVC countries.

4. The number of citizens in other states

Cannot be ascertained owing to continual movement of citizens.

5. The number of other people in TBVC states

Not applicable.

6. Requirements for TBVC citizens and residents to become South African citizens

The requirements are contained in the Restoration of South African Citizenship Act, 1986 (Act 73 of 1986) and the South African Citizenship Act, 1949. Particulars are contained in the document on citizenship which was distributed to all delegates at Sub-committee 2.

7. Laws governing elections

South African Electoral Act, 1979 (Act 45 of 1979).

There is also the Referendums Act, 1983 (Act 108 of 1983).

8. The status of non-ethnic citizens

There are various non-ethnic persons who have become citizens of South Africa. Their position is regulated by the same laws which apply to South African citizens.

9. The number of people who have had their citizenship restored in each state in terms of the Citizenship Restoration Act of 1986

Total of figures supplied by TBVC countries.