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CODESA

WORKING GROUP 5

ASSIGNMENT:

**Time frames and
implementation of
Codesa's agreements**

**Submission
by**

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5. TIME FRAMES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CODESA'S DECISIONS

As raised in the terms of reference, we, THE DIKWANKWETLA PARTY OF SOUTH AFRICA, wish to submit point by point as follows:

1.1.1 It is still early to link specific CODESA targets to exact time frames, but we deem it possible as well as desirable that time frames be set only once processes, assignments, agreements, decisions etc. have been transmitted to this group for implementation.

1.1.2 In our view key issues and problems that need to be addressed by this working group include *inter alia*:

- (a) New democratic constitution
- (b) Interim government
- (c) Constituent assembly
- (d) Referendum/referenda, with special reference to the acceptability or otherwise of the "Whites only" referendum
- (e) Common voters' roll
- (f) Delimitation commissions
- (g) Local government and its basis.

1.1.3 Areas of commonality and agreement under this assignment are wide open and should crystallize out as CODESA progresses.

1.1.4 Our views are as follows:

- (a) There is a dire need for a regularly updated comprehensive list of all the decisions, actions and processes involved. As a matter of fact, we think that the speed of CODESA will depend to a considerable extent on the availability of such documentation. This documentation should be clearly and fully catalogued and available to all CODESA delegates.
- (b) As regards the co-ordination of the activities of CODESA and its subsidiary bodies to ensure the greatest possible efficiency, we recommend, as a key element, the institution of a Register of Activities.
- (c) Concerning the practicability of setting target completion dates for all agreements/activities/decisions, we propose the institution of a Register of Target Completion Dates.
- (d) Also for the monitoring of the process and the adjustment of targets, we recommend that a formal Register be kept.
- (e) We recommend that the Steering Committee of the Working Group should handle the dissemination of up-to-date information in respect of progress made at CODESA.
- (f) Legislation that needs to be enacted or amended, include *inter alia*:
 - * Republic of South Africa Constitution Act
 - * South African Citizenship Act
 - * Election Act

- * Referendum Act
- * Independence Acts
- * Terrorism Act

- (g) In the formulating of new legislation or amendments, we would wish to involve our constitutional experts.
- (h) For the attaining of time frames, we strongly recommend close inter-group consultation.
- (i) To comment at this stage on the practical effect of implementation of agreements, would in our view amount to pure speculation.
- (j) As far as the legality of the process in relation to time frames within the context of constitutional continuity is concerned, it appears at this stage that no vacuum would be needed, whilst all legislation will be gazetted.
- (k) For us, the agenda is open.