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CODESA

WORKING GROUP 4

SUB-COMMITTEE 3

NATIONAL PARTY'S STANDPOINT

The National Party subscribes to the view set out in the Declaration of Intent of Codesa that the participating parties must work towards the establishment of an undivided South Africa.

In examining the administrative, financial and practical effects of re-incorporation of the TBVC states certain key issues and problems should be identified. This task is made more difficult by two factors.

Firstly and obviously, any decisions and recommendations which this Sub-committee 3 may come to, can only be implemented once the people of each independent TBVC State have democratically decided in favour of re-incorporation.

Secondly, the results of negotiation in Working Group 2 and 3 at Codesa will have a profound effect on the final recommendations and report which Working Group 4 is required to produce.

Accordingly, the NP is of opinion that we should proceed to gather all the preparatory information which the delegations in Sub-committee 3 deem necessary and useful. In doing this we should be guided by the terms of reference set out in paragraph 1.4.

Over the years certain expertise and a bank of knowledge, statistics and factual information has been built up in

regard to the relationships between the RSA and the TBVC countries.   This information as well as trained and experienced personnel are available from the Development Bank of Southern Africa and SECOSAF.   The Sub-committee without restricting itself in any way to these impartial, apolitical sources, should make full use thereof.   it will greatly facilitate the work of the Sub-committee.

In this regard, Sub-committee 3 should urgently investigate the appoinment of Rapporteurs (professionally, qualified and technical secretarial services) to process and evaluate the material adduced before the Sub-committee and to assist it in the formulation and preparation of an interim report for Codesa 2 and the final report in due course.