

P R E S S S T A T E M E N T

REPORTS OF NON AGGRESSION PACT BETWEEN THE IFP AND THE AWB

Reports that Musa Myeni and Mr Eugene Terreblanche met today to agree on a non aggression pact is deeply disturbing and amounts to mischief making in a referendum campaign in which the IFP wishes to have no part whatsoever.

I today released a memorandum I discussed with Dr Treurnicht on Saturday evening the 7th of March to counteract the damage that was being done by irresponsible CP statements citing my position and that of KwaZulu as support for its rejection of Codesa and support for the politics of partition.

The IFP could not enter into a non-aggression with the AWB because the IFP never is an aggressor and white persons in South Africa will never suffer from IFP planned violence just as no black person has any reason to fear IFP aggression.

I state emphatically that I have never discussed a non-aggression pact between the IFP and the AWB with anybody whomsoever. I know of no IFP discussions about any non-aggression pacts.

The referendum is being fought to establish who leads whom in white society. Ambiguities about where white South Africa stands on crucial matters relating to the scrapping of apartheid and the establishment of a non-racial multi-party democracy are damaging to progress in negotiation for a New South Africa.

I issued a press statement endorsing Mr de Klerk's decision to call for a referendum and I clearly indicated that a yes vote would be beneficial to both the politics of negotiations and to the reconciliation process in this country. It is irresponsible of right wing elements in South Africa to take my non-participation in what is an issue which only whites can settle as an endorsement for a no vote.

The IFP is committed to remain a participant in CODESA and I yet again urge conservative white South Africa to put pressure to bear on the CP and the AWB to join the negotiation process and to seek to establish what is best for South Africa with other race groups and with other political parties and organisations.

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