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WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS BY THE UNITED PEOPLE'S FRONT, MEMBERS OF THE LEBOWA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND MAGOSHI OF LEBOWA, TO THE COMMISSION ON THE DEMARCATIONS/DELIMITATION OF SPR'S.

1. INTRODUCTION

We welcome the opportunity to make written submissions on the demarcation/delimitation of SPR's. Our aim herein is to be as brief as possible in view of the fact that we intend to propound hereon with oral submissions.

2. DISCUSSIONS

The region at issue is the Northern Transvaal. The delegation making the submissions comprises of the United People's Front, members of the Lebowa Legislative Assembly and the magoshi of Lebowa. The former two are political and the latter traditional. These instances were not consulted by the Commission and never approved of the proposed boundaries. Generally, we are satisfied to be in this region, except for the following instances:

2.1 PILGRIMSREST

According to the proposed map on SPR's, this area falls into the Eastern Transvaal region whereas historically, naturally and linguistically it forms part of the Norther Transvaal region. The communities found in this area, fall under the authorities of the following magoshi: Mohlala, Mogane and Mashile. Both the communities and their magoshi are strongly against the incorporation of this area into the Eastern Transvaal region.

2.2 GRASKOP

What was said under 2.1 above applies mutatis mutandis hereto.

2.3 LYDENBURG/MASHISHINI

According to the proposed map on SPRS's, this area falls within the Eastern Transvaal region. This area, historically and in all respects, has been the original magisterial district of Sekhukhuneland. The communities of Sekhukhuland have always regarded themselves as forming part and parcel of this area. Historically this area belongs to his Majesty King Sekhukhune.

2.4 BURGERSFORT, OHRIGSTAD, STOFBERG AND ROSSENEKAL

What was stated in 2.3 above applies mutatis mutandis hereto. Also see addendum A.

2.5 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Our view is that the Kruger National Park should cease to be a national resource and become a regional resource. Since this park partially falls within the Northern Transvaal region and partially within the Eastern Transvaal region, it is suggested that each region retain its share of the park. Perhaps the question of joint administration of each portion of the park between the respective region and the national government could also be considered.

2.6 GROBLERSDAL

According to the proposed map on the SPR's, this area falls within the Eastern Transvaal region. Our view is that this area showed remain within the Northern Transvaal region, on the following grounds:

Economically it forms an integral part of the Northern Transvaal region. Almost 75 % of its buying power derives from Nebo and Sekhukhuneland. The consequences hereof are the communities of Nebo and Sekhukhune would be subsidizing the Eastern Transvaal region to the detriment of their own developmental needs. Groblersdal is a farming community and as such draws almost its labour from Nebo and Sekhukhuneland. There is a deep fear of the possible dislocation and disruption of the taxi industry already well established between Nebo and Sekhukhuneland on the one hand and Groblersdal.

3. CONCLUSION

We here again allude to what was said in ! above, regarding the question of submission of oral evidence on this topic. It is our strong view that the Commission set aside its time to visit our region for this purpose. We would really appreciate the opportunity of tendering oral evidence to the Commission.

JOINT DELEGATION:

UPF, MEMBERS OF THE LEBOWA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND MAGOSHI OF LEBOWA.

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APPLICATION FOR ORAL EVIDENCE.

The joint delegation of United People's Front (UPF), Lebowa College of Magoshi and Members of the lebowa Legislative Assembly hereby wish to make an application for oral evidence to the Commission on Delimitation/Demarcation of the Regions.

The venue and date decided by the Commission will be acceptable to the above delegations.

The oral evidence will be in regard to the Northern Transvaal Region. The delegation would like the following towns and their jurisdictions to be included in the Northern Transvaal Region:-

Lydenburg Pilgrim's Rest Graskop Ohrigstad Burgersfort Groblersdal

The supporting document is being prepared and it will be forwarded by Monday the 27th to the Commission.

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