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 Obstacles blocking
 road to interim - rule
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 pointed the obstacles to the
 establishment of an interim
 government in a confidential
 document leaked to Sowetan.
 The document, which looks at
 the establishment of an interim
 government, details the problem:
 being encountered.
 "Also," one delegate said,
 "the fact that there does not seem
 to be commonality on the compo-
 sition of the interim government is
 going to delay the process of final-
 ising the Work of Working Group
 Three."
 All five working groups have to
 report on progress when Codes: 2
 sits before the end of next month.
 All delegates are agreed about
 the need for interim arrangements.
 They, however, pointed out that
 for an interim arrangement to suc-
 ceed:
 0 Violence must be earnestly
 addressed before election: can be
 held, so that the political playing
 field can be levelled.
 0 Parties and organisations still
 outside, Codes have 19!): brought
 in to promote the principle of
 inclusiveness.
 0 Serious effort should be
 made to encourage investment in
 the country as a prerequisite to
 the development of the economy.
 0 Efficient and effective con-
 struction of Government functions
 must prevail during the transition
 period. end;
 0 Options as to the form and
 nature of interim arrangements
 remain open and be the subject of
 further discussion.
 What worries delegates most is
 that not all political groupings are
 represented at Codesa, and some
 who have taken their seats have
 not yet signed the Declaration of
 Intent
 The Declaration of Intent calls
 for an end to violence, the removal of
 economic sanctions, the ending of
 apartheid, the ending of the bad
 economic situation, the ending of
 the negotiation process that has
 been so long, the ending of
 the interim government, reports
 the ANC. The ANC has
 decided to work for the es-
 tablishment of an undivided, uni-
 tary democratic South Africa.
 Bophuthatse, Ciskei and the
 KwaZulu homeland, which is rep-
 resented by the Inkatha Freedom
 Party, have refused to sign the De-
 claration of Intent.
 Judgment

However. IFP leader. Chief
Mengoethu Buthetezi. at the
weekend indicated that his organi-
sation signed the Declaration of
Intent, but egeinst its better judg-
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Buthetezi uid on his return from
Amelia on Sunday that the IF?
had been obliged to sign the decla-
ration despite reservations.
The Ciskei homeland said it
would only sign the declaration

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once a new democratic govern-
ment was in place.

Bophuthatswana has been re-
quested to submit proposals for
the amendments to the declara-
tion. reising hopes that it will soon
sign the documenL

It is hoped that once this is
done.and some oftheabovept'ob-
leme solved. the establishment of
an interim government willjuetbe
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' However. the document pm-
poses that the trensitional arrange-
ments must:

I Take full and effective con-
trol of finance. the media. foreign
affairs. the security forces and all
other governmental functions in-
cluding the preparation for demo-
cratic elections.

.Govem South Africa accom-
ing to predetermined policies
egreed upon atCodeeauntii anew
constitutionally elected govern-
ment. representing all the people
of the country is installed.

0 Identity methods ofadminis-
tering the TVBC and self govern-
ing states during the transition
period.

0 Promote shared responsibil-
ity and build trust and goodwill
between political groups.

0 Preserve constitutional and
legal continuity.

0 Promote a cultute of democ-
racy and co-t'esponsibility.

0 Govern in accordance with a
negotiated intetim Bill of Rights
which shall incorporate a Code of
Conduct for political organise.
tions.

0 Create growth. economic ac-
tivity and generate employment.

0 Avoid disfunctions of Gov-
ernment and ensure social justice.

0 Promote peace and stability
so that fair and free elections can
be guaranteed and; .

0 Supervise the process of
electinglappointing a conetitu-t
tionel making body.

Gulck fix

The document also proposes that the State President be retained as chief executive. When he is not available a multi-party national assembly should appoint an acting state president.

It was also suggested that Cabinet Committees be appointed by Codesa to assist ministers during the process leading to a transitional government. Again these appointments should come from all parties participating in Codesa. Although no specific time frames were stipulated, indications are that the majority of delegates feel that a shorter, rather than longer, transitional period is indicated.

Suggestions of time frames ranged from six months to two years. Some of the delegates pointed out that care should be taken not to opt for a "quick fix" approach.

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