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**ANC Press Release On CODESA Sub-Committee.**  
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The ANC wishes to place on record its disagreement with the statement issued by Dr T.J. Mohapi, who chaired a sub-committee of CODESA examining the issue of the participation of traditional leaders.

Firstly, Dr Mohapi gravely misconstrues the situation by saying that "... the ANC is part of the agreement reached in the sub-committee." None of the individuals serving on the sub-committee are there as representatives of specific organisations or parties, but have been appointed in their individual capacities. Irrespective of the views expressed by individual members of the sub-committee who also are members of the ANC, the ANC has not as yet pronounced itself on this matter.

Secondly, as far as the ANC is aware, the sub-committee has yet to complete its work. In point of fact Dr Mohapi himself alludes to the still outstanding submission of the President of the ANC, Comrade Nelson Mandela.

In our view it is therefore premature to characterise the decision announced by Dr Mohapi as conclusive.

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**Press Release by Comrade Joe Slovo. Chairperson of the SACP.**

I would like to express my reservations regarding the statement issued to the media by the chairperson of the sub-committee of CODESA on which I served.

I think it was inappropriate that the Chairperson issue a statement at this point, suggesting a finding while the sub-committee still has not completed its work.

At the sub-committee meeting I insisted that no recommendation could be made until President Mandela, leader of the ANC, had made his input.

The members serving on the committee are there in their personal capacities and do not represent the organisations or parties they adhere to. That being the case, neither the SACP nor the ANC has in fact pronounced on the merits of the case in point as suggested in media reports.

If indeed there had been agreement among members of the sub-committee, it would have ill-advised to make a statement to the media before the sub-committee had submitted its findings to the CODESA Management Committee.

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