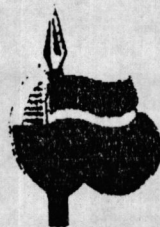


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PRESS STATEMENT ON INTERIM GOVERNMENT

On Monday and Tuesday 2nd and 3rd of March, Codesa's Working Group III reviewed inputs by various parties on the question of Interim Government.

Consensus was reached on the following major questions:

- * that there is need for interim government to facilitate transition to democracy;
- * that the creation of a transitional executive structure is an important aspect of such a government;
- * that at least initially, the executive structure will be appointed in accordance with procedures agreed upon by Codesa;
- * that Parliament will have to give legal effect to the arrangements reached at Codesa (as agreed at Codesa I the texts of all legislation required to give effect to the agreements will be drafted by Codesa); and
- * that other elements of interim arrangements still need to be discussed.

A document containing these proposals has been referred to the various principals. The National Working Committee of the ANC yesterday considered this document and agreed to the formulations contained therein. We consider these proposals an important breakthrough, signifying the acceptance of two basic principles by virtually all Codesa participants:

- * the need for an interim executive structure, and
- * that in the first phase such a structure will be appointed by Codesa.

In the detailed discussions that are to follow, the ANC will put forward its well-known positions regarding an Interim Government Council, independent non-partisan commissions on elections and the media, and multi-party committees for certain areas of government pertinent to elections for a Constituent Assembly. [Elaborate]

Other parties are at liberty to put forward their own detailed proposals. We therefore reject any interpretation that the agreement implies that the State President will appoint members of organisations taking part in Codesa into the cabinet. Co-option under any guise is not acceptable to the ANC and the majority of participants in Codesa.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION ON INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS

Agreed:

1. There is need for interim/transitional arrangements in order to facilitate the transition towards a new democratic constitution to which CODESA is committed.
2. An important aspect of such arrangements will be the creation of a transitional executive structure.
3. The transitional executive structure should at least initially be by appointment in accordance with procedures agreed upon by CODESA.
4. Agreements reached at CODESA in this regard will have to be given effect to by Parliament through amendments to the existing constitution and relevant legislation, in order to give them constitutional and legal form.
5. Other aspects of the interim/transitional arrangements still need to be discussed.