

Republic of Ciskei  
Office of the Council  
of State  
657

.0: 1. Bisho. Republic of Ciskei. 50mm Africa. Telephone 0401-9141 5. Telex 25 08550! Tom  
a: No. (0401-91 189)

17 February 1992

The Secretary-General

Ajlgan National Congress

5 er Region

Tessie: Centre

1/3 North Street

EAST LONDON

Dear Madam

Receipt of your communication dated 13 February 1992 is hereby  
confirmed.

The reasons for the appointment which has been requested are  
irrelevant and far-fetched and do not warrant a meeting. We

want to assure you that there is no crisis in Ciskei.

I: Sir: i. there was a crisis in Ciskei my government is quite

.pccent to solve 1.: with .ou: ch. assistance of the African

Sectional Co9.gr0351

The tone of your letter is arrogant, presumptuous and

prejudicial. We want to lodge a formal objection to Lucille

Meyer communicating with my government in this manner.

In future such communication will not be answered.

Yours S 11160?

BRIGADIER

CRAIHAN. :

African National Congress

Press Statement - The Ciskei Crisis

The nNC regrets the move by the Ciskei Government to bring a regional dispute to CODESA by suggesting that the Management Committee should suspend the proceedings at CODESA until such time that there is an unconditional undertaking from the Secretary General on behalf of the ANC that the campaign be withdrawn. This move is unhelpful given that the Ciskei Govt. is party to a bi-lateral meeting facilitated by the SA govt. that is due to take place tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. Arrangements for this meeting were known to the Ciskei govt. before this morning's meeting.

We further express our disapproval that the Ciskei govt. raised the matter at CODESA this morning has chosen to go public whilst the Management Committee was in the midst of discussing the issue.

All the steps are clearly calculated to sensationalise the issue and is contrary to the spirit of resolving matters through negotiations and discussion.

From the moment this issue arose the ANC HQ has been involved in discussions with its region, the Ciskei administration and the South African government in order to find an effective solution. Our commitment to the negotiation process is unchallengeable. The issue is not what is alleged to be destabilisation of the Ciskei by the ANC. The fact of the matter is that there is no political freedom in the Ciskei. Efforts to even hold report-back meetings on progress at Codesa are frustrated by the continuous refusal to allow meetings to take place on the basis that such meetings constitute a threat to the security of Ciskei.

The ANC's attempts to meet the authorities in the Ciskei to address these serious problems have not been successful. Before the campaign as planned the ANC Border region requested a meeting with the Ciskei administration and this request was dismissed with contempt (copies of letters are available).

The campaign is aimed at ensuring a climate of free political activity in the area. We appeal to all those committed to the Codesa process not to allow this false hysteria to destabilise it.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE) AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS CAMPAIGN TO  
JESI'AEILISE ZISKEII 13 CLEARLY CCNTRARY TO THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE  
NATIONAL PEACE ACCORD AND SHONS CCNTEMPT FOR AND LACK CF FAITH  
IN THE DECLARATION OF INTENT OF CCDESA. J  
WE: BELIEVE THAT THE. PARTIES CANNOT IN Gall) FAITH CONTINUE WITH  
THE NEGOTIATING PRCCSS WHILE THIS "HREAT REMAINS IN EXISTENCE  
AND THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS ACTS EMILATERALLY IN COMRWEN'I'ION  
OF THE NATIONAL PEACE ACCORD AND THE DECLARATIQJ OF INTENT.  
WE, ACCCPCINGLI, CALL UPCN THE MANAGEMENT CWHTI'EB 'ID SUSPEND  
THE PROCEEDINGS AT CO SSA UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT HAS OBTAINED  
AN UNCONDITICNAL UNDERTAKING ERCM MR CYRIL RAMAPHOSA ON BEHALF  
OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS THAT THE CAMPAIGN WILL  
BE WITHDRAWN .

mm

mm

mm

mmm

AFRICAN 22.? m0"

NATIONAL CONGRESS \$mm

The Chalman .

Ctskei Council at State

Blsho

13 February 1992

Dear sir

We would like to request a meeting with your cabinet on 19 February 1992. This meeting would be to discuss the crisis in the Clskei.

The meeting would be between yourselves and the Regional Executive Committee of the ANC led by our national president Comrade Nelson Mandela.

C

We apologise for the extremely short notice but due to Cde Mandelata tlght schedule we would appreciate a response before the end of today. Cde Mandela has already set aside this day for a meeting wlth your government.

We would further like to suggest that the meeting takes place in Blsho at a venue at your convenlence, commencing at 12H00.

Yourg sincerely

Secretary em