

INTANDO YESIZWE PARTY SUBMISSION ON CONSTITUTION-MAKING

BODY:

CODESA WORKING GROUP 2

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It is our strongest belief in Intando Yesizwe Party that a Constitution is the most important

Law of the country, as it is this legal document which determines and defines political and

civil rights of the country's people. Acceptability by and respectability accorded this

document by its people is of the greatest importance for peaceful life and successful government.

Intando Yesizwe Party therefore submits the following in respect of the Constitution-making

Body:

1. The body that drafts the Constitution should have legitimacy based on national elections within the 1910 boundaries of South Africa, according to the principles of universal suffrage.

2. Elections should be by proportional representation.

3. The body should be inclusive, rather than narrow, in character, ensuring that all parts

of the country and all currents and trends are represented.

4. The Constitution-making Body should be in charge of its own procedures.

5. All important issues shall be decided by two-thirds majority.

6. The principles agreed on by this Working Group shall be enshrined in and not contradicted by the new Constitution, issues left open shall be freely debated and left to the decision of the Constitution-making Body. In the case of any dispute in relation to interpretation of the general constitutional principles, a special body of respected and competent persons shall decide the matter in as speedy and fair fashion as possible.

7. The Constitution-making Body should be entrusted with sovereign powers to draft, adopt and put into operation the new Constitution for the New South Africa.

We have waited far too long to get into Parliament, to decide the course and quality of our

lives along with our fellow South African citizens and we want our representatives to sit in

the Parliamentary Buildings in Cape Town. We do not want to be reminded of our divided past. The New Democratic South Africa must get off to a clean start.