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DEAR SIR

I would kindly like to bring to your attention some human abuses and breaches of democracy and spirit of negotiation by some of your participants in Codesa.

At the time where the spirit of negotiation prevails in the country and when millions are looking forward to peace and constructive contribution from everybody especially those in Codesa, it becomes difficult for some communities to hold any hopes and expectations from Codesa if some of the prominent participants there continually and perpetually displays disregard for human wellbeing. We believe that for Codesa to fulfill its role of leveling fields for the establishment of new constitution leading to democratic new dispensation, it will need support from the grassroots. But as long as some participants fail to prove their credentials and commitment to peace and human wellbeing, they render a feeling that Codesa is just another political playground to some of

are suffering communities.

There has been a dispute at Kwa-Zulu between the Kwa-Zulu Bureau of Natural Resources (KBNR) and Kwa-Ngwanase community about the unfair removal of the people from their areas by the KBNR. The KBNR has put a fence around some areas in the place, those are areas next to the coast around Kosi Bay for development of Kosi Bay Nature Resources. To our knowledge their plans go beyond that and we are aware that they are planning a bigger L shaped nature ~~reserve~~ incorporating Ndumo Game reserve, Tembe elephant park and this Kosi Nature reserve. We love the nature and we understand very well that without renewable resources to harvest we lose both livelihood and way of life. But we also believe that our traditional cultures have developed some systems to ensure renewable resources, be it intentionally or unintentionally. Nevertheless we are not blind to the fact that our means may not be enough nowadays to conserve nature sufficiently and satisfactorily. That is why we have emphatically and repeatedly stated that we are not against nature conservation, in fact we need it, but nature conservation done at the expense of human wellbeing is unacceptable and to our opinion is bound to fail.

Firstly, the people on the ground were never consulted about their plans and they never explained anything to us. Therefore we are clearly not part of this. Secondly, we don't understand how beneficial will these plans be to our community, in fact we are convinced

this reserve will serve the interests of themselves and all the rich tourists. Nature and local communities are really not in the list of those who will benefit. Our community have organised itself under the organisation called ISIDIDI so as to challenge this state of affairs and to try to get things right. These attempts have been met with tremendous hostility and unfaithfulness from the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly (KLA) and KBNR. We have met with ~~the~~ Director of the KBNR and our problem have also been elucidated to some cabinet ministers and members of KLA but all in vain. In December 1991, two fax letters were sent to Chief Buthelezi in his capacity as a minister of economic affairs and as a chief minister of Kwa-Zulu, to try and organise a meeting with him, but ~~no~~ reply have been received from him. All we have received from authorities is to be told that we just represent ~~hidden~~ agendas from some political organisation and that we are communists who are against development. Of late, one game ranger killed a youth from the area on the 1st of May 1992, which we believe have the potential to further the hostilities between the community and the Bureau to a state of violence.

This lack of response from KLA to our call for negotiations to solve this dispute make no doubt its commitment to the spirit of negotiation which should be prevailing at Gooliswa. We would appreciate if you can take some steps about this issue. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely
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