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**FOURTH REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
ON INDEPENDENT MEDIA COMMISSION AND
INDEPENDENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY**

11 JUNE 1993

1. The Technical Committee has received submissions concerning the Independent Broadcasting/Telecommunications Authority from the following parties:

Bophuthatswana Government

Conservative Party

Democratic Party

Inkatha Freedom Party

Kwa-Zulu Government

Pan African Congress

South African Government

Venda Government

The Committee is in the process of giving its urgent attention to these submissions.

2. Although the Committee has made substantial progress on a Draft Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill, certain critical issues, some of which are of an extremely complex nature, still have to be resolved. Furthermore, additional input is required from a range of experts on certain of these issues.

In these circumstances the Committee is of the view that it would be premature to introduce the Draft, as it presently stands, for debate by the Negotiating Council.

3. The contents of this Bill and the Independent Media Commission Bill are of importance not only to the political parties, but also to existing broadcasters, possible new entrants to broadcasting, the media industry and the public at large.

Therefore the Committee strongly recommends that when the Bill is presented by this Committee to the Negotiating Council, both it and the Independent Media Commission Bill should at the same time be published for comment.

This is an additional reason why the Committee feels that it is inappropriate to publish the Draft Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill at this point, since it could cause unnecessary controversy.

4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee is of the view that the Independent Media Commission Bill should be debated by the Negotiating Council as a matter of urgency, in order that this piece of legislation can be finalised.

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