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"We have to undo decades of apartheid and we have to undo the consequences of decades of wrong responses to apartheid"  
– Dr MG Buthelezi.

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"No one Party is going to take over to form a government. There will be a multi-party majority in South Africa which will block any one party's attempt to gain supreme power."

This is how Dr Buthelezi summed up the new political mood in South Africa in his meeting with US State Department officials: "The tide has turned away from revolution. It has turned away from war. It has turned away from a peoples' war and it has turned away from making South Africa

ungovernable through violence. It has turned away from seeking the introduction of the kind of governments which revolutionaries are in the habit of setting up whenever they take over a colonial or racist government by force.

"The Inkatha Freedom Party's day-in and day-out defense of multi-party democracy and the need for a Western-type democracy in South Africa is now being lauded. These are looming larger than life as the realities to come."

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## *IFP involved in dialogue*

# Dr Buthelezi a "major player" in rebuilding South Africa – Hurd

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The IFP President's growing stature as a national leader who is central to the negotiating process in South Africa was underlined during a visit by British Foreign Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd..

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**M**r Hurd described Dr Buthelezi as a "major" and "substantial" player in rebuilding South Africa after apartheid.

Their talks in Durban followed on an earlier meeting in London and the IFP leader brought Mr Hurd up to date with recent developments in South Africa.

The discussions included sanctions, constitutional matters and the problem of ongoing violence.

In a memorandum presented for discussion, Dr Buthelezi said the IFP was already assured of a major role at the

negotiating table. The Party was ready to begin negotiations immediately - but the two-fold problems were the unpreparedness of the ANC and the escalation of violence to levels which could inhibit the negotiation process.

Emphasising the IFP's willingness to negotiate, Dr Buthelezi said the Party was already involved in dialogue with the National Party, the Labour Party and other Parliamentary Parties - as well as the South African Council of Churches.

"We will talk to anybody and everybody about peace and we will do so very earnestly and seriously," Dr Buthelezi added.

He said the best antidote for those advocating right-wing politics in South Africa was success at the negotiating table.

"White fears revolve around disbelief that reform can work and can produce a democracy that is sustainable. The more evidence there is that reform will work, the less support there will be for rightwing developments," Dr Buthelezi said.