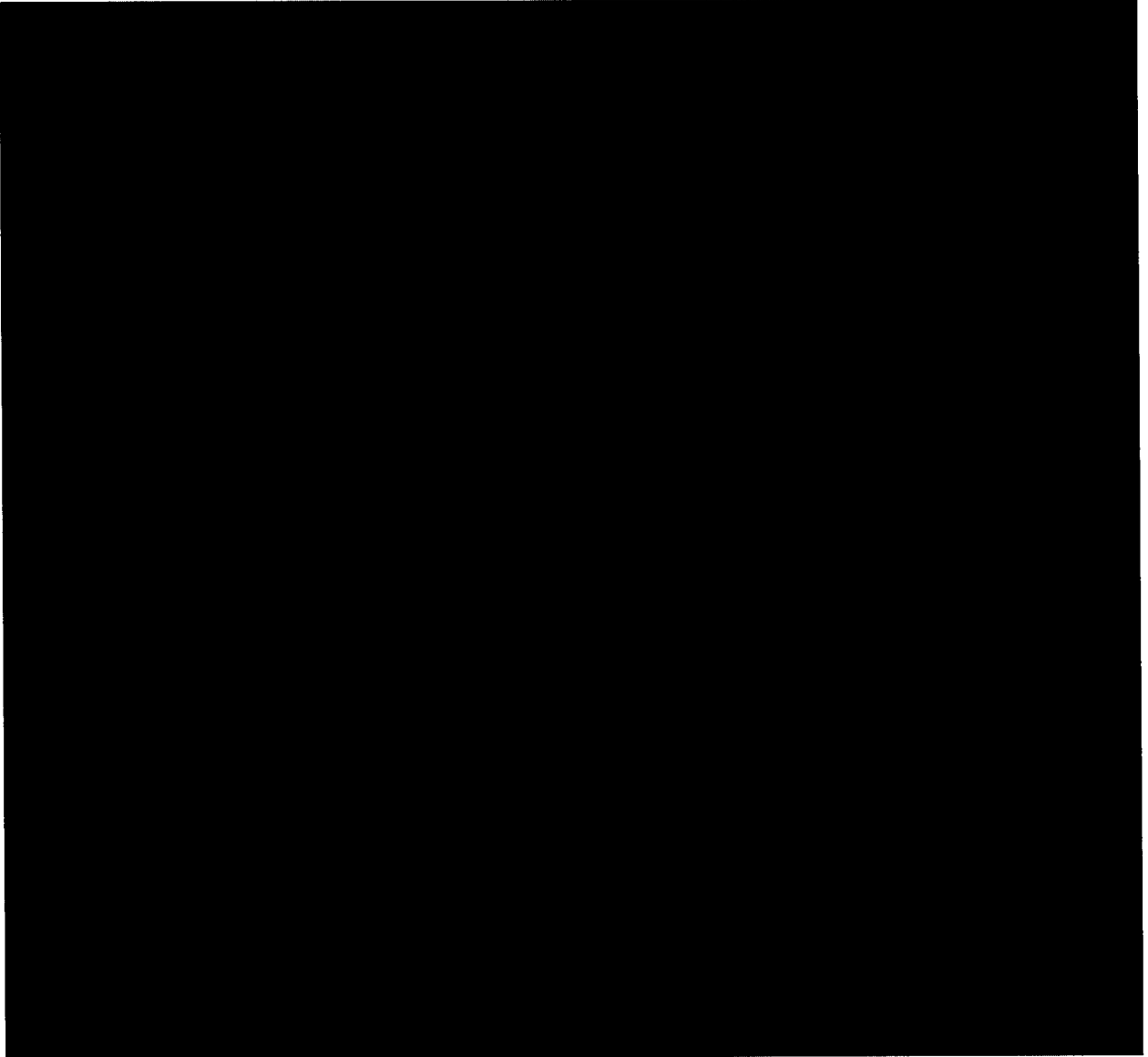


Attachment A - Talking Points



[REDACTED] 1994 Slav Macedonian Directive] Understand community concerns with 1994 Slav-Macedonian Directive.

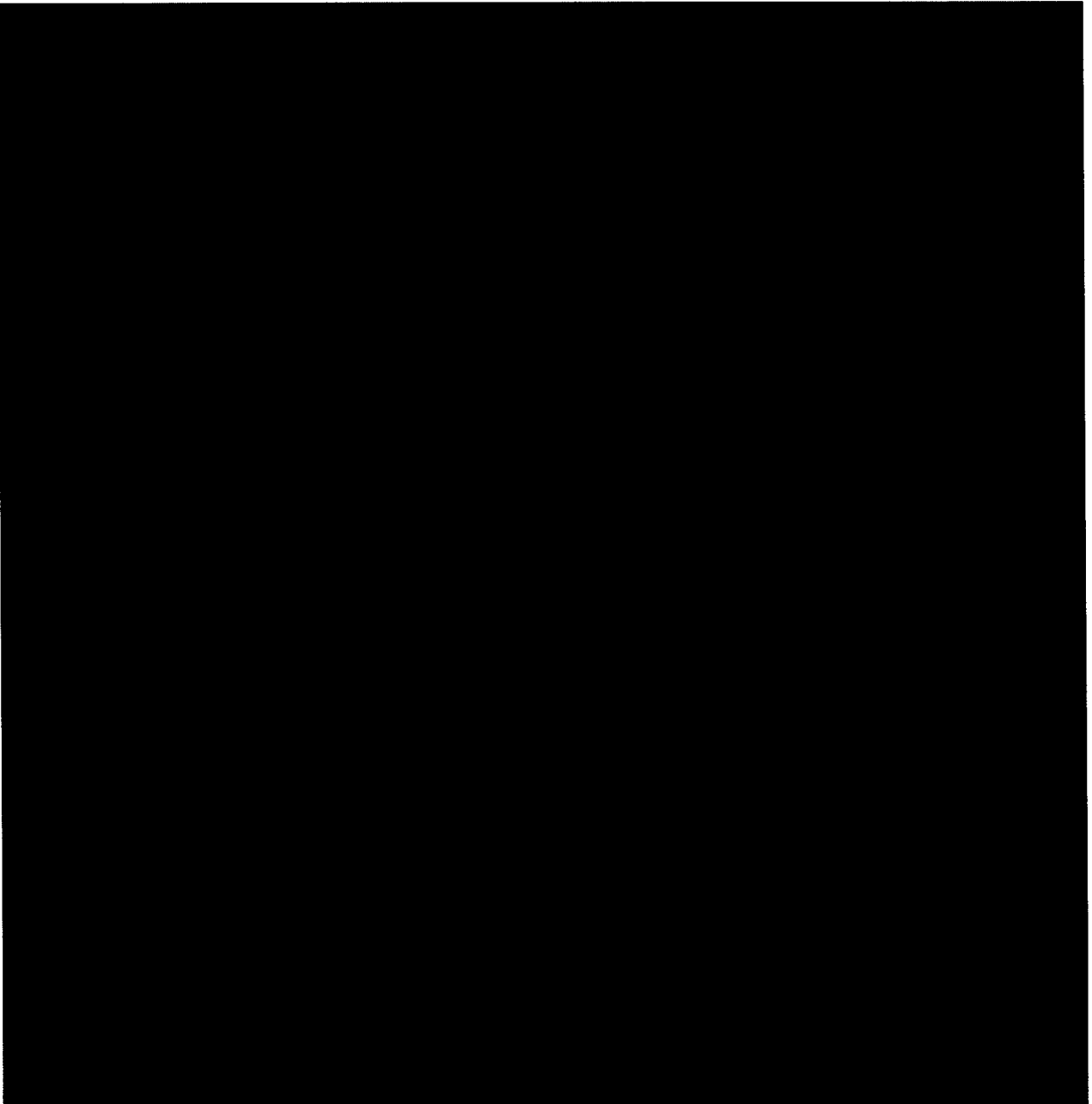
- But note that "Slav Macedonian" is an internal administrative term related to our use of UN provisional name –
 - It in no way affects right of individuals and organisations to describe themselves as they wish.





7. In addition to our position on the name, the 1994 **"Slav Macedonian" Directive** – which instructs Commonwealth agencies to use the term "Slav Macedonian" when referring to people from FYROM – is another cause of concern for FYROM and the domestic community, who view it as offensive. The Directive is closely linked to the name issue, however, and difficult to remove without resolution of the broader dispute. As such, the government position is that "Slav Macedonian" is an internal administrative term only and – unlike the Victorian government's directive that was subsequently overtuned by the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission on 8 September 2000 (see Attachment E) - **in no way affects the right of individuals or organisations** to describe themselves however they wish (including in the Census).





Specific community issues related to the name

The 1994 Slav-Macedonian Directive

14. In addition to our position on the name, the 1994 "Slav Macedonian" Directive is another cause for concern by the FYROM community. The Directive instructs Commonwealth agencies to use the term "Slav Macedonian" when referring to people from FYROM. The Macedonian community views the Directive as offensive and lobbies against it. The Directive is closely linked to the name issue and difficult to remove pending resolution of the broader dispute – although some Australian Government departments have moved away from this, using instead 'people or citizens of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia'. When asked, we advise the community that "Slav Macedonian" is an internal administrative term. It is not binding and in no way affects the right of individuals or organisations to describe themselves however they wish.

