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The WNC representing over 60 National Organisations and 10 regional coalitions is concerned to note, that in so far as they relate to gender equality, the Constitutional Principles presented by the relevant Technical Committee represent a retreat from the agreements at Codesa 1, the recommendations of the Gender Advisory Committee, and the tentative agreements prior to Codesa 2.

We have noted the slight improvement made through the amendment to paragraph 2.2 submitted on June 15 1993. However, the experience of women in most other societies indicates that this would not entrench genuine equality for women in our Constitution.

To ensure this, the WNC submits that the first General Constitutional Principle should characterise the future South Africa as "sovereign, non-racial, non-sexist and democratic".

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