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Dear Sir,

Unless ALL women have full rights to equality, the body politic will remain crippled and maimed.

Please ensure that the Interim Constitution and Bill of Rights ensures that ALL women, equally and without exception, are entitled to participate in decision making and implementation, in public and private matters. Customary Law must be subject to women's right to equality and affirmative action, and freedom of association.

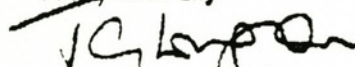
The expense and energy which women spend on their campaign for equality delays their work for social and economic development.

The sooner South Africa is a fully democratic country, the sooner we can contribute fully in healing and restoring our society and economy.

Soroptimist International is a worldwide service club for women with Category 1 status at UN - Economic and Social Council. Our experience internationally has made us aware that projects which do not fully include women and allow for them to take responsibility for decisions, remain largely ineffective.

Please pass this letter to all negotiators dealing with the Interim Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Yours faithfully



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National President