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TO: THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR ATTENTION OF THE
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON THE BILL ON FUNDAMENTAL
RIGHTS.

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SUBMISSION ON FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS:

The Women's National Coalition believes that no group of women should be excluded from the guarantees of full equality in the Bill on Fundamental Rights.

These rights must apply to all South African citizens. There can be no case made in a new South Africa for the exclusion of or the gradual extension of equality to some sections of the population at different times.

Furthermore, the point should be stressed that the Bill of Rights is about individuals, not about institutions, and no institution should arbitrarily be accommodated within the Bill of Rights.

We therefore support the position, as mandated by our Council, that a clause be included in the Bill, guaranteeing the rights and freedoms in it equally to male and female persons and that no cultural rights or rights under customary law be allowed to derogate from the other rights, including those covered by this clause.