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Dear Mr Sachs

We note with interest that the National Working Committee of the ANC is to make a recommendation at a forthcoming meeting of your National Executive Committee to the effect that your electoral lists should contain at least 30% women.

We would endorse any effort to increase the representation of women in the government of our country and, whilst this falls short of the over 50% which women actually constitute of the population as a whole, if accepted, this will be a good beginning.

As further evidence of its known commitment to non-sexism, we hope that the ANC will feel that acceptance of a quota of candidates for election does not absolve it from its duty to:

1. ensure that women are elected by giving them an equal possibility of being elected;
2. ensuring that men candidates also have a public commitment to gender issues, including eliminating violence against women.

With best wishes

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