

REPORT OF GAC RAPPORTEUR - WORKING GROUP 1

The mood of the meeting indicated the need for the creation of a free political climate.

The following were seen as measures that can assist with creating that climate:

1. LAWS

- 1.1 The repeal or amendment of all laws which forbids free political activity, including the elimination of discriminatory legislation.
- 1.2 All delegates should approach legal Institutions or groups on specific facts regarding S.A. or TBVC states legislation where this legislation is gender discriminatory or has gender implications.

2. NATIONAL PEACE ACCORD

- 2.1 NPA must make a special effort to include representatives of relevant local and tribal authorities as well as women's structures into all and LDRC structures.

3. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

- 3.1 Acts of violence against women, allegedly by the armed forces, are a source of grave concern and that any such crimes should be immediately investigated.
- 3.2 Any peace keeping force, or searches of homes, should include women within their structures at all levels.
- 3.3 These forces should be trained to be gender sensitive and to ensure that they do not violate the rights of women.
- 3.4 All sexual advances which inhibit the free political participation of women, or which carry a promise or favours, must come to an end.

4. MEDIA

- 4.1 There should be an independent media censorship board to monitor all media and that women b included. The composition of this group should include individuals who have gender consciousness.
- 4.2 Women should be informed of their voting rights and process of voting by specially designed interventionist programmes through the media.

We have noted the following point as being area of controversy:

- 1. The GAC has not reached an agreement or consensus on the definition of a political prisoner.

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1. TEC STRUCTURES

The GAC expressed a general concern that there should be an over-arching clause to ensure

women's participation in all TEC structures.

That the TEC structure should include an Election Commission. Media Commission and Gender Commission for matters pertaining to the holding of free and fair elections.

2. BUDGET

There must be provision in terms of expenditure in regard to women's pension schemes, maternity benefits, childcare, education and training, etc.

3. FOREIGN RELATIONS:

South African foreign relations should be conducted by both men and women. That the future, women should be trained, employed promoted and recognized on an equal basis with men in the diplomatic services.