

ANC STRATEGISING GROUP ON CODESA 02.30-04.00PM 23.4.1992.

PRESENT: Mary Turok, Mavivi Manzini, Sheila Meintjes, Feroza Adams and Cathie Albertyn.

1. Mavivi reported that GAC is still considering the terms of reference and has met with management committee.

DIFFERENT GROUPS HAVE REPORTED ON:

- a) The minutes and gender implications of these.
- b) Most submissions are not part of the documentation given to GAC and minutes have very little of substance.
- c) No real discussion has taken place.

Meetings will take place next week Monday - Wednesday and an office will be provided to consider work of Working Groups. It has been decided to ask for updated reports which reflects decisions. GAC will look at Steering Committee meetings and rappauteurs reports. It was felt the full documentation will take too long to consider.

There is no set deadline for GAC, but Working Groups have to report by 7th May. GAC will go ahead with terms of reference and also look at inputs from all Women's Organisations.

2. GAC functioning was discussed - what happens to GAC suggestion. Each Working Group has to be sent GAC recommendations for discussion. Reply has to be sent to GAC and if it is not satisfactory, then GAC will meet the Working Group Steering Committee. It was recognised by GAC that most of the work will have to be taken within respective political parties. A multi - pronged approach was required.

So far submissions made by ANCWL has not been considered by ANC. ANC members of negotiating forum have received a submission, but admitted they had not read it.

NEED FOR INFORMATION ON:

- 1) Working Group 1. - to be looked at on Monday 27th April 1992
- i) Discriminatory legislation Re: Gender laws creating a climate and permitting women to engage freely in political process. Another issue to raise is difficulty of access and administration of law. We need to look beyond putting women into structures, but what concrete proposals to make e.g on independent media and role of women.

- ii) Could we have an overriding clause Re: discrimination ?
- iii) Interim Bill of rights ??
- 2) Tuesday 24th April 1992 consideration will be given to Working Groups 3. There is no general agreement here, except that there will be two phases in transition.

DISCUSSION IS NEEDED ON CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES AND BODY:

- 1. Gender Commission.
- 2. Charter as constitutional guide.
- 3. Proportional representation.

We need to operationalise these proposals, particularly on proportional representation which would take on board women's representation. This means considering the variety of mechanisms such as a quota considering Ugandan Constitution, Nordic Countries etc.

It was agreed that we need to strategise very carefully about priorities for research and strategy around negotiations. Internally, the ANC Negotiation Commission has to be pushed into discussing the ANCWL submission to CODESA. The GAC has to be mandated by the ANC itself. It was felt very strongly that Baleka Kgositsile should be present in all the strategising committee meetings as the representative of the ANCWL in the Negotiation Commission, NEC of the ANC and General Secretary of ANCWL.

It was agreed that Cathi would contact the law and gender forum at UCT to make a submission to CODESA on discriminatory laws affecting women and the political climate, as well as constitutional points.

NEXT MEETING: 15.30 Thursday 30th April 1992.