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The General Secretary
SACC
42 De Villiers St
Johannesburg

Dear Beyers Naude

I would like to make a formal application for financial assistance on behalf of the Wits Command women's action group.

In consultation with our lawyer, it appears that the sentence imposed on the group will either be a fine of approximately R150.00 - R200.00 or the option of a jail sentence (about 3 months). There are 15 women who will appear in court on 26 November, charged under Section 57 (1) C of the Internal Security Act. All 15 women have some financial constraints and will not be able to pay the full amount; if the option of the fine is taken. There are some women in the group who are willing to take the jail sentence but there is uncertainty as to what length of time they can afford and so may want to take the option of a fine as a last resort. We feel that everyone should have the opportunity to take the option of paying the fine.

We are all able to pay something towards the financial costs of this case but I have not ascertained the exact amount that each person can pay and how much the total amount will be. These financial costs would include paying the fines and giving a donation to our lawyer, Kathleen Satchwell.

I would therefore like to apply for the maximum amount of money that we would need to pay the fine, which amounts to R3000.00 (ie: 15 x R200.00). This money is payable to the courts directly after sentence has been passed and therefore is not refundable.

If the fine imposed is less than the anticipated amount of R200.00 per person, the difference will be refunded to the donors.

We would appreciate your careful consideration of our request.

In Peace

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on behalf of the women's action group.

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