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The Secretary
Federation of Women of S A
SOWETO

Dear Comrades

RE: LAUNCH OF SOWETO WOMEN'S GROUP

The United Democratic Front sends you fraternal greetings on this occasion of the launch of your Soweto Women's Group.

The birth of this **embryo** may herald an era of the revival of the proud tradition of women struggle, and lay the foundation of the creation of a mass women's movement in our country. We therefore welcome this important development and hope that it will inspire and heighten our struggle thereby bringing our freedom closer.

Hopefully, the formation of the Soweto Women's Group will inspire women throughout the Transvaal to set in motion a process of building their own structures. Particularly at a time when the masses of women face a very crucial moment in their history - a moment characterised by determined onslaughts by the racist rulers of our country, calculated not only to deny them the right to dignity, but also to obliterate all vestiges of opposition by women. Devices such as the New Constitution and K Koornhof Bills are used by the state to divide women into ethnic and racial groups. This then, is a challenge to all of us men and women.

We draw the attention of this meeting to the massive fraud that is about to be perpetrated by the Nationalist Party government through an electoral process for the "Coloured" and "Indian" South Africans on August 22 and 28. This meeting must therefore allow time for discussion on practical forms of opposing and exposing this fraud. Our call for political rights for all must be loud and clear.

We of the United Democratic Front genuinely believe there cannot be a look of liberation with the emancipation of women. If we are to increase our assault on the Apartheid regime we must embrace within the movement all women who are willing and determined to fight for a NON-RACIAL DEMOCRATIC S A. We assert with confidence and pride that it is the emancipation of women that sets in motion the struggle for National Independence and Democracy.

There is no doubt in our minds that the emergence of the Soweto Women's organisation, will intensify our assault on the edifice of Apartheid.

.. call to you is:-

Organize, mobilise for the establishment of a People's power.

Long Live the proud tradition of Women's resistance!

Long Live the Federation of South African Women!

Long Live the gallant Women of Soweto!

UDF UNITES! Apartheid Divides!

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