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FEDERATION OF TRANSVAAL WOMEN

FEDTRAW RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT FIRST CONFERENCE  
DECEMBER 1984

RESOLUTION 1            BLACK CHRISTMAS

Fedtraw supports the call for a Black Christmas. We call on members to remember the suffering of our people during this time. We remember those detained, those killed, those who have lost their jobs, those who are being removed, those harassed by soldiers in townships.

We ask our members not to fill the pockets of the shop owners who use Christmas to exploit us. We ask them to celebrate Christmas with love and commitment towards their neighbours and their community.

RESOLUTION 2            COST OF LIVING

WE the women gathered here at the first conference of the Federation Of Transvaal Women,

NOTING THAT

1. Women in the townships have the burden of high food prices, and high rents
2. While the prices of rent and food increases daily, wages remain low

HEREBY RESOLVE TO

1. campaign against and organise around high rents, high food prices, bus fare increases and GST.
2. unite in action against community councils and all puppet bodies.

RESOLUTION 3            EDUCATION

We the women gathered here on this historic day of the launching conference of Fedtraw recognize that our daughters are victims of sexual harassment at schools and are forced to drop out of school as a result of unwanted pregnancies and further noting that some of our people have been deprived of an education and our children are engaged in a just struggle against an inferior and irrelevant education.

Herby resolve to actively support:

- their demands for democratic SRC's
- total elimination of the age limit
- the fight against sexual harassment and sexist attitudes in our society
- creation of literacy programmes where they are necessary

We further resolve to actively engage ourselves in the education charter campaign for a democratic and relevant education for all

RESOLUTION 4 FORCED REMOVALS

We at this first conference of FEDTRAW have seen that

1. many of our women throughout South Africa are fighting bitter struggles to prevent forced removals
2. that they refuse to move because they know that there is only poverty and starvation in the bantustans and that there is much repression in these areas.
3. that if they move into the bantustans they will lose their South African citizenship

X BELEIVING

1. That South Africa is one country for all who live in it and that the homelands can only divide us.
2. that it is the right of all South African people to live in peace where they choose to without fear of removal.
3. that it is the right of people in rural areas to unite and organise freely against removal.

We therefore resolve

1. To campaign against forced removal
2. to see organisation of the people in the rural area as a priority for D FEDTRAW ✓
3. to support and develop relationships with like minded organisations in these areas
4. To pay special attention to the problems of those victims of forced removals already in the bantustans.

resolution 5 CONSCRIPTION

WE, The Transvaal women noting the activity of the SADF in the townships, and noting the new conscription laws for so called Coloured and Indian men, and further noting that our men will be forced to defend an oppressive and unjust system reject any participation by our men in the SADF's brutality. ✓

RESOLUTION 6 WOMENS CHARTER

We at the conference have recognized the value of the WOMEN'S CHARTER for us in these times, just as the women of the 1950's experienced great hardship, so do we today.

Although some things have changed since the Charter was adopted, such as, forced removals, independent homelands the spirit of the charter lives on in the hearts of our women.

The charter represents our history, and remains the basis of our position on the organisation of women

We therefor propose that this conference adopts the WOMES'S CHARTER X

the charter was adopted.



## RESOLUTION 7

personal resolution accepted , drafted by maniben Sita

Daughters of SA let us enjoy the fruits of our labour by making the Freedom Charter a reality in this land of sunshine and plenty, and be counted as equals in the community of nations.

## RESOLUTION 8 WOMEN POLITICAL PRISONERS

We are noting our women in:

KROONSTAD PRISON  
PRETORIA CENTRAL PRISON  
DETENTION  
AWAITING TRIAL  
BANISHED  
LISTED

We pay tribute to all women whose husbands, sons, brothers, boyfriends and daughters are languishing in prison we also pay tribute to all women in prisons throughout the country

We therefor resolve to give all people in detention moral support and physical support wherever possible. It is the task and duty of every freedom loving woman in our country to stand up and fight this apartheid regime

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