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The Federation of S.A. Women sends the warmest fraternal greetings to the National Conference of the African National Congress Women's League and we wish you the greatest success in your deliberations.

Your task at this Conference is great, for women of South Africa of all races look to you, the African women, for the leadership that shall guide the women in the coming year. During 1957 we have seen the great struggle of the women of the Transvaal against passes. Today women suffer in gaol, in the reserves, because they have refused to accept passes and have led their fellowwomen in this great struggle against the slavery of the passes. Their struggle and their sacrifice will not be in vain and the African National Congress Women's League will lead the women of South Africa forward.

As women and mothers we know that the future of our children depends on us, upon the sacrifice which we are willing to make. The Federation of S.A. Women is pledged to unite women of all races in the struggle for freedom and we call upon you, the women of the African National Congress, for wise and militant leadership so that we may unite under the glorious banner of freedom.

We shall not rest until we have won for our children their fundamental right to freedom, justice and security.



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