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PREAMBLE:

We, the women gathered here on the 13th day of May 1984 at Mamelodi, Pretoria, as wives and mothers, working women and housewives, black and white, say with one voice-

- * That the government's new constitution and Koornhof Bills is no solution to the problems of all the people in this country and,
- * that white domination and exploitation will continue
- * ~~that there~~ will be no end to the unequal distribution of the land, wealth and resources of our country
- * that the Republic of South Africa Constitution Act is an undemocratic constitution and that the Koornhof Bills will deprive more and more African people of their birthright.
- * that forced removals, the Group Areas Act and the Bantustans will remain
- * that the government is determined to break the unity of our people.
- * that the oppression and exploitation of women will continue. Women will suffer greater hardships under the Pass Laws, women will be divided from their children and families. Poverty and malnutrition will continue to destroy family life
- * that working women will remain the lowest paid and unskilled of all working people in this country, and that the brunt of apartheid will still be carried by our families.
- * That our people are faced daily with an attack on their living standards. Food, G.S.T., rents, hospital tariffs, transport costs are going up; while the government has stepped up its expenditure on defense.
- * that this constitution will force our coloured and Indian brothers, sons and friends to fight on the borders for apartheid.

Mindful of the attack on the unity and rights of our people, we, the women, on this the 30th anniversary of the Women's Federation pay tribute to: the strength and sacrifice of our women, we remember our women over many fighting and struggling years. We remember their triumph and their tears.

AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO:

- * Uniting and organising women wherever they are; on the farms; in the factories, urban and rural areas to fight for our rights.
- * To build and strengthen our local women's organisations
- * To stand firm and to mobilise our women against the government's new constitution and Koornhof Bills and to call on Coloured and Indian women to boycott the August elections.
- * To raise our voice high in the United Democratic Front.

We therefore appeal to all progressive organisations, trade unions, churches, community, students and religious organisations; to all progressive men and women who have the interest of our people at heart, to join us in meeting our commitments, which we have set for ourselves today.

WE THEREFORE PLEDGE TO STAND, SHOULDER TO SHOULDER, WITH OUR MEN, SPARING NEITHER STRENGTH NOR COURAGE IN OUR COMMON STRUGGLE FOR A FREE NON-RACIAL AND DEMOCRATIC

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