11 /81ce/Ecc/McNe/1 Report from the Women's Section in Maputos 31.3.83. 1. Following our communication of the 25th February 1983, we are hereby informing you of our participation with Women's Organisations and our activities since January 1983. 2. Participation with OMMs a) On the 4th March we were to participate right from the first day of their commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the formation of OMM. But some misunderstanding cropped-up about the invitation. Firstly they had inform our consultant that this will be the internal thing, but afterwards they had sent an invitation to us, which found us not being prepared. But we managed to send our Secretary to make anaapology on behalf of our Organisation. And another day was arranged to meet ONM through our consultant. b) On the 5th March at 10 am we went to Facim, where OMM had displayed the clothing and had a photo exhibition about the struggle and the formation of OMM. After that, the General Secretary of OMM addressed the crowd which packed out Facim and the meeting ended up by singing and dancing. Present were Women'ts organisations (Socialist) and the Progressive Women's Organ's with the ANC Women's Section. c) On the same day at 1 0'clock we all gathered again at the Mozambican Independence Square. Different Women's Groups of OMM Soldiers, Nurses, Teachers etc. lined-up in groups. They were wearing their National Uniform (Cangas and Skippers with an emblem of OMM) Nurses their Uniform, Police their Uniform and Soldiers. You could hear echoes of voices singing around the whole Maputo. Another Section which was Present was was the Progressive Women's Organ's with their Placards. Our Women were there also with their Placards in within those thousands and thousands of Women. We had marched from there to the OMM Square, and we reached there after 3pm. Two groups of band were organised and as we arrived we were received by the Band. D) Women marched passed their leaders with high confidence before the meeting started giving a Salute to them. The band at that time gave a good backing as if propelling the songs sang by Women. The meeting was opened by the Gen. Secretary. Comrade Dos Santos gave an educative speeach, he addressed the crowd for more that 2 hours. A Tomb-stone was unveilled by comrade Des Santos The meeting was also addressed by the President's wife comrade Gracia Machel and the Secretary of OMM in Maputo, comrade Christinah. The meeting ended at 6.30 pm. e) On the 8th we went to meet OMM, but since the President of WIDF Freda Brown was around and had arrived on that day to congradulate OMM on the 10th anniversary, it was difficult to meet them and a later date was decided upon, for the 12th March. f) On the 12th March we were to meet them at 10 am at the Frelimo Party Building. We waited but at last we had handed ower our presents to them. A message was prepared by our commissars comrades Pricillar and Jane which was also given to them on that day. The presents were as ffs 1. 4 Metres of Amamdla Material 2. 3 books in Portugues By comrades: a) By Indris Naidoo (which is now being serial in Radio Mozambique) By Joe Slove c) By Fresident Oliver Tambo. 3. 50 Ball point pens of the 70th Anniversary 4. Stickers and Badges.

G) On the 21st March we met with OMM at their offices at 3 pm. Present Socialist Women, OMM and ANG. We were discussing the programme of the 7th April the Mozambican Women's Day which will be commemorated at Farim from the 5th

April. When all organisations will be selling their clothings and Fodd.

I would further like to inform you that the OMM cancelled the selling onMarch 8th to April starting from the 5th till the 8th April. During that week OMM will be also commemorating the 12 Anniversary of the death of Comrade Josinah Machel Swho died for the Liberation of the Mozambican People.

We will send a report of our participation from the 5th April after all our activities.

Other Activities:

On the 3rd February our Women's Section in Maputo was doing Voluntary Work together with OMM for the coming 4th Congress. We swept the whold Street called Josina Machel. Women were deployed all over Maputo. After that the General Secretary of OMM addressed the crowd and told them about ANC. the meeting ended up by singing and dancing which we have found out that it is a sign a uniting us with OMM in every activity we have with them.

We will be doing another Voluntary Work on the 3 April which is specifically for the the Mozambican Women's Day. Report will follow.

Meeting with other Women's Organisations

So far we have met with the Bulgarian Women's Committe and we are expecting to to meet them after the 8th April. We have managed to talk with them after our meeting with OMM where they were also present. We will be starting discussion with them.

Sewing Projects

Was set-up in preparation of March 8th comrades Isabella, Peggy, Mary, Busic Edna and Betty. These comrades doing a very good job. Material was bought and it is supposed that the sewing project will continue till Aggust 9th when we will be selling together with OMM the goods we made. Other women are involved in Knitting and Groteching. We therefore, request the Secretariat to ask some material in Dar for our region.

Political Discussions:

In our Political Meetings we have already discussed the Labour Proty - United democratic Front - Talks between Angola and South Africa and News Analysis. We are trying to reach the level of all women in region in the Political field. Our commissars are trying the level best to bring all the women into the discussions.

Pioneersa

Our Pioneers as I have indicated to you in our last report about the activities they are still continuing. Last time there was suggestions that we should find them a person who will be teaching them English, and we are still working in that and the person we is expected to start very soon with them.

On the 3 and 5th they were performing for Radio Mozambique. Comrades we are having problems of people taking us photos and promising to give them back but all in vain. Hoping we will succeed in getting these for Pioneers.

Attached is the copy of a Message written to OMM on their 10th Anniversary.