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THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUBCOUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF  
WOMEN: FOURTH DRAFT OF THE TRANSITIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BILL

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We, staff members of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa, support  
the inclusion of a Subcouncil on the Status of Women in the TEC as proposed by the fourth  
draft bill.

We endorse the powers detailed in the bill, and request that the following be added:  
\*... that the Subcouncil has the power to ensure that policy and draft legislation

emanating from negotiations promote a non-sexist culture. |

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We recommend that such a council consist predominantly of women who have a proven track  
record of involvement in gender issues in the fields of law, affirmative action, education,  
health, development, et cetera, and who represent the political spectrum in so far as is  
possible. Individuals on the council should enjoy the support of the majority of women's  
organisations. One way of ensuring this would be for the State President to appoint such  
people in consultation with the Women's National Coalition, an organisation which is  
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arguably more representative than any other.

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