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MESSAGE OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS ON OCCASION OFTTHE 9th AUGUST _ INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLING9w0MEN OF SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA (SOUTH AFRICA WOMEN'S DAY) mew,

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On the occasion of the 9th August, the International Day of Solidarity with the Struggling Women of South Africa and Namibia, the National Executive Committee of the African National Congress conveys revolutionary greetings to all our fighting women.

The army cf over 20 000 women who marched to Pretoria's Union Buildings in 1956 to protest against the hated pass laws were among fore-runners of our armed struggle launched a few years after this demonstration. Indeed, this α

massive exercise of disciplined protest and the racists' stubborn repression which follorii marked one of the turning points in our history that led to our decision in 1961 to put into action the first units of our people's army, Umkhonto we Sizwew

Today We mark South Africa Women's-Day at a time when our armed actions are taking place within the climate of rising political struggles and united mass actions. The daily escalation of our struggle has driven the racists to 'desperate and criminal actions such as the ejecution of our brave sons, soldiers of Umkhonthwe-Sizwe - Jerry, Marcus and Thelle.

The bravery with which our fighting mothers, Mrs; Mosololi,.Mogoerane and Motaung faced the execution of their children, demonstrates the courage with which all our oppressed and democratic women are resisting the triple yoke,r of oppressionm

More than ever before, history demands that as the most oppressed and down-trodden members of our society, South African women increase the mobilization of all sections of our women, and move into the forefront of the struggle for national liberation and social emancipation. As workers in an exploitative capitalist economy, as a group comprising more than half the population of ougffi country and as mothers - the builders of our nation - our women are fulfillingm this task history has assigned them.

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- rwe must fight for the unity in action of all democratic women's organisations and strengthen the patriotic forces of our country who are uniting around the Freedom Charter into a national, united democratic front.

All democratic forces in our country must uee the period between now and the Year of the Women to assess what progress we have made towards achieving these goals, and work out new strategies to achieve them.

On this occasion we salute all those who support our struggle. Our special greetings \$g,3a,the women and people of the Frontline States, who continue to . support us relentlessly in spite of the raoists' aggression and destabilization of their countries. We greet the women and people of Africa and express our gratitude for their continued support of the liberation struggle in our country. We salute the women and people of the socialist countries, who continue to give political, moral and material support to our fighting women and people. We also textend greetings to those democratic forces in capitalist countries who are working for the total isolation of the Apartheid regime.

To our fellow women combatahts and Comrades of SWAPO and PLAN, we pledge to werk together towards the destruction of our common enemy within the shortest possible time.

Finally, we extend our greetings to all fighting women and people fo the world, in particular FMLN in El Salvador, Fretilin in East Timol, the Palestine - Liberation Organisation and the Polisario Front.

LONG LIVE 9th AUGUST - SOUTH AFRICA WOEEN'S DAY!

LONG LIVE THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLING NOMEN (E SOUTH AFRICA AND NAHIBIA!

LONG LIVE THE UNITY IN ACTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S MOVEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA! HALIBONGWE! IGAMA LAMAKHOSIKAZI!

Signed: A. Nzo SECRETARY-GENERAL

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

ORGANIZAQAO DA HULHER HOQAHBICANA SECRETARIADO DA OHM DA CIDADE DO HAPUTO

- NOS MULHERES MOQAMBICANAS DA CIDADE DO MAPUTO SAUDAMOS CALOROSAMENTE
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