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DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF THE ANC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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'ANC amongst women in particular and society in general.
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To promote the national development 131' women and 1131:- 111
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it is therefore;
Open to all women who are members of the AND.
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chauvinism, whilst respecting the linguistic, 131.111.111.31 31:13
religious diversity of 113 members. ,
The Women's League shall address the term 13:19r333113n
women.
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It shall therefore:
Recognise and address the differential experiences 01' .311 women
which are due to race, class, gender, ethnicity or geographical
location and endeavour to unite South African women.

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.non- workers unemployed literate illiterate professional non-
professionat, urban, rural. Accordingly it shall work out ,
programmes to suit the various categories 01' women. ,1 -
11 shat! strive: for the emancipation 91' women and shall therefore
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RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS
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and implementation of the po'n'cg of the (AND) WL;
D) receive and impart informatmn on all aspects of ANC
poh'cg and actiwties;

offer constructive criticism of rang member, official,
decision, policg, programme or activity of the (ANC) WL;
take part in elections and be elected or appointed to any
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Movement and defend the policg and eregrammes 0f the
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f) fight against racism, tribal chauvimem, sexism,
reitgious inteterance or eng other form of discrimination
or chewinism;
g) - observe discipline, behave honsetlg and :6er out legally
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h; inform her branch of movement to eng other area, and
report to the new branch committee secretary on
arrivmg at any; new area.

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 through a secretariat and specialised committees;
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 othe'r democratic, anti-apartneid formations 232' women and other
 Kindred groups Inside South Africa;
 The WL shall encouraga the formation of specialised women's
 orgamsations L.?whose aims and objectivea-nmpohcg and
 programmes are shaped 232; the AND, namely workers, teachers,

nurses religious women, university women researchers

- professionals businesswomen etc.

1.3" The WL shall work towards and spearhead the creation of a.

— national women's organisation

1.1 The WL shall reserve the right to affiliate with international women's organisations.

1.2 The WL shall strive to build relationships:

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organisational international.

H- DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

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Conference or extra- national conference of the 3. 52-; : : J-third

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national level. . '

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investigate allegations of abuse of power by the rearers

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE:

Disciplinary proceedings shall be confined to violation of the basic

principles of the ANC as well as the rules and regulations of the 'w'L.

Proceedings shall normally be conducted at the 199.9% where the violation

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has occurred.

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