

UNITED WOMEN'S ORGANISATION

(For discussion only.)

1. We demand full rights in a single undivided South Africa. We reject the Homeland system and its associated forced citizenship, migrant labour system, influx control and pass system. These were invented to deny the people political rights in the country of their birth while maintaining a supply of cheap labour.
2. We condemn the system of job reservation and labour preference areas. These were created to support the system of cheap labour and to produce antagonisms among the oppressed people. We demand the right to work , to work where we choose and to organise as workers.
3. We condemn poor housing, high rents, lack of maintenance, long leases on homes and lack of recreational facilities. We demand adequate, comfortable and properly maintained housing which people can afford and in which they are secure.
4. We condemn the Group Areas Act, ~~and~~ the associated permit system and other forced removals. Specific examples - Kliptown, Sophiatown, dumping grounds in Ciskei, Modderdam, District Six, Alexandra. We demand an end to forced removals.
5. We condemn the high cost of transport and the distances which people have to travel to work daily, which are caused mainly by the Group Areas Act. The position of women working in hotels restaurants and supermarkets, as nurses and shift workers is particularly bad
6. We reject the President's Council, community councils, management committees which are not elected by the people and are not representative of the people. These bodies are created to support the denial of political rights. We are alarmed at the manner in which our women are drawn into these puppet bodies.

7. We demand jobs and an end to unemployment. (rate)
Unemployment keeps wages down, makes jobs insecure, drives people to crime and to acts of desparation.
8. We support our children in their rejection of "slave education".
9. We dissociate ourselves from the Republic Day celebrations. We protest against the amount of the money of the people spent on it while children are dying from lack of food.
10. We demand an end to the abhorrent system of domestic service as practised in this country, with long working hours (5 a.m. to 8 p.m.), starvation wages (R20 - R60 per month).
11. We protest against the treatment of workers in the farming areas: payment in kind, the tot system and rations. We reject the conditions of work which make it possible for workers to be physically abused.

This conference of the UWO resolves that Executive Council should carry out the following organisational tasks:

- a) Organise workshops every second month. These workshops should concentrate on practical problems which people encounter in various areas. The first workshop should be one month after conference. The following topics are proposed:
 - i) Administration, functioning and running of the organisation. Organisational skills are important.
 - ii) Creches and preschool education,
 - iii) Health care - Enforced population control, preventive health, tuberculosis, breast feeding, environmental health e.g. Asbestosis.
 - iv) Focus on women in rural areas.
 - v) Focus on workers on farms - tot system, education, health.
 - vi) Women in domestic service.
- b) To appoint a field worker (two part-time).
- c) To organise membership cards and decide on an emblem for UWO.

N.B. All resolutions to be discussed so that we have a common approach.