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Dr R Mgijima

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Dear Dr Mgijima,

MACMILLAN BOLIEWA AIDS PROGRAMME

You are aware of the development and publication of the above series by Macmillan Botswana and also that the programme is to be fully implemented in all DET schools in Std 4 and 5 during 1993.

The ANC Women's League and your department are now represented on our AIDS Committee along with the sponsors, Old Mutual, and a number of community based associations. You will be glad to know that Old Mutual are currently printing 600 000 books which are being stockpiled at their Cape Town Head office before being shipped to Pretoria.

Clearly this is the biggest AIDS education initiative yet undertaken in South Africa and will generate huge media interest.

As the ANC have supported this programme from its inception I would like to invite a member of the executive to attend a photo session launch at Old Mutual's Head Office in Cape Town. All costs will be covered by Macmillan Botswana.

I can assure you that 600 000 books make an impressive sight and represents a concrete initiative, supported by your organisation, in the fight against AIDS.

The planned dates are WISW We have been flexible in order to accommodate the busy schedules of ANC top leadership.

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We would be delighted if Nelson Mandela could preside particularly because of his interest in early intervention at school level which he emphasized at the NACOSA Conference.

Yours sincerely,
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Marketing Director

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TOPTC: Call for National Wormh's Day to become a public holiday from 1994.
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At a march and rally held at the Union Buildings on Saturday 7 August 1993, Cde Frances Board called for National Women's Day to be made into a full public holiday from 1994. It is a call which received vociferous support from the crowd, and one which requires some discussion and campaigning Ground in the ANC and the Alliance.

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It is not clear how or when public holidays will be determined. Certainly we cannot allow Founder's Day, Kruger's Day and the Day of the Vow to continue during an Interim Period or in a democratic South Africa.

While June 16, Sharpeville Day, December 16 etc have become public holidays "Within our organisations, the liberation movement has never given the recognition to the struggle of the women by acknowledging National Women's Day in this manner.

The call is a reminder to the ANC and our allies that too often the commitment to women's emancipation is merely lip service. The resources of the struggle are too often not allocated to the gender struggle in the manner in which our policy documents indicate they should be.

The call by the Board is long overdue and is a call which the ANC, the Leagues and the Alliance should take up and mobilise around.

cc: Cde Rcmphoso, Masekela, Carolus, Marcus, Mornoti Ncube, Mo Shupe, Ma Sisulu, Sporg, Qusitisile, Gimala for their attention as NEC members Women's 5 League leaders and Convenor of Women's Emancipation Commission.

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