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The Secretariat  
ANC Women's Section  
Lusaka

Re: GENERAL MEETING WITH COMRADE G SHOPE HEAD OF WOMEN'S SECTION  
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AND MEMBER OF THE WOMEN'S SECRETARIAT COMRADE ZINTO RADEBE

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The meeting was chaired by the Zonal Chairperson Comrade Pearl Serote.

Ogening Remarks

I. Welcoming our leaders to Nazimbu and thanking them for their presence during the march 8th celebrations.

II. Announcing the agenda.

3 Briefing about the GDR Congress and the forth-coming moscow Conference

b ANC Women's Conference

c Regional Committee

d Day Care Centre

e General

Comrade Zinto Radebe briefed the house about the GDR Congress and the Moscow Conference to be held in June. She stated that the ANC Women's Section will send six delegates including women from home. The reason for sending women from home is the fact that we needed women to participate on an International Forum to expose the South African regime about all the young children who are locked up in racist jails.

2. Comrade Zinto appealed to all women in mazimbu and East Africa to mobilise one another into political activists. She made a special request that all women should take part in the preparations of the forth-coming ANC Women's Conference. She announced that a Preparatory Committee has been set up and all the comrades who are in this Committee have been assigned their different tasks. The theme of the Conference is  
FOR THE ALL ROUND ORGANISATION AND GREATER UNITY AMONG THE  
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The Conference will take place from the 1st September to the 6th.  
The Conference Will give Special attention to the internal

3. Issues affecting women in all missions of the ANC will be dealt with. For instance questions like scholarships for women, health problems and the separation of families which has resulted into so many cases of divorce will be looked into very seriously at this conference.

4. Regions will hold their conference to discuss only these issues which could be handled at the National Women's Conference level.

The rest of the issues to be dealt with at their regional conference. If there are any recommendations they could be brought to the conference.

5. The number of delegates will depend entirely on the total number of women in a particular region. Due to the financial positions of our movement comrades are requested to raise funds in their regions.

#### REGIONAL COMMITTEE

I. The head of the women's section comrade Getrude Shope made it very clear to the women in mazimbu t;at there is no proper work which is done without the existance of the Regional Committee.

She stated that there will be documents about the conference and the Regional Committee is entrusted with the responsibility of seeing to it that all units in East Africa receive these documents. She suggested that the three units ie Dakawa, Mazimbu and Dar es Salaam should convene a meeting to elect a regional committee.

#### DAY CARE CENTRE

Following a meeting which was held at the Day Care Centre with the principals of the children's centre comrade Jane Dumasi and Farida Mussagy and comrade Getrude Shope, it was decided that the two issues which crapped up in their discussions be brought to the general meeting.

a Scholarships for the comrades taking care of children at this centre.

b Lack of personnel which has resulted into hiring of Tanzanian workers, to look after the children.

A number of mothers complained that they are not offered scholarships. Some said they have been working at the Day Care Centre since its inception in Morogoro Town but up to date have not been placed for studies. In response to this, comrade G Shape stated that she met with the NSC earlier during the day. Scholarships would be given to all women in various spheres of work.

She appealed to all women to upgrade their standards through the Adult Education Section.

The majority of comrades working at the Day Care Centre complained that some of the mothers were not willing to look after their own

children.

A speaker from the floor reminded the house about a decision taken in one meeting, that all mothers were obliged to work for three months before being deployed at their proper places of work. The speaker mentioned strongly that some mothers undermined those working at the DCC hence the Tanzanian Workers were employed. Comrade Ma-Shope made it clear to all women that the task of looking after children was entrusted on them. She appealed to all mothers including every adult in the community to take care of those children who are staying at the boarding section during weekends. She also requested that the system of adopting children should be revived and practised.

She concluded this issue by emphasizing that the health and the proper growth of our children lied upon us all.

GENERAL

Various speakers sought clarification pertaining offers of scholarships.

In response

a Comrade Zinto stated clearly that there were many offers from various countries annually.

b With all these the major problem has always been getting candidates who have the required academic standards.

She concluded by encouraging more women to take courses in the science fields.

In conclusion the head of the Women's Section Comrade G Shope strongly appealed to all women to take up the question of EDUCATION VERY SERIOUSLY. She stated that we could not take over South Africa with a BEIE of uneducated women. She strongly pointed out that women in Mazimbu use all the educational facilities available in order to improve their academic standards.

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Zonal Committee Secretary

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