

Democratic Alliance of Women of Nigeria

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Dear Mr Bull,

We are writing to introduce to you Democratic Alliance of Women of Nigeria (DAWN); an agenda for Political change in Nigeria and emancipation of women.

As you are aware, the continuing military dictatorship in our country has gained great heights and continues to threaten the existence of the country and its people.

The survival of Nigeria now depend on the “will” of other African countries and the international community as a whole.

As always in situations like this, it is the most vulnerable members of society who suffer most; the most vulnerable being the women and children.

The masses of Nigeria have been subjected to extreme brutality for such a long period of tyranny that there is an urgent need for international intervention, hence DAWN is embarking on the campaign for necessary assistance.

In furtherance of this campaign, DAWN’s representative will be attending the forthcoming OAU summit in Harare in June, and the fourth summit of African, African-American holding in July 1997.

Justice demands that the people’s voice should be heard along with that of the oppressor.

We are aware of the dangers of putting our case before the Heads of African States and the international community, given the intolerance and brutality of the military dictatorship towards Nigerians who dare to voice opposition against its satanic reign. But what is life, if lived in constant fear and the sense of failure to act to save ones’ nation and her people?.

We are enclosing the text of the Launch of DAWN and the agenda for Political change in Nigeria for your favourable consideration.

Also enclosed is a copy of the presentation made by DAWN to the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group on Nigeria, for your information.

Please, adopt, support and co-sponsor the programme for Nigeria and her people, as a contribution to the liberation and subsequent development of Africa, and the world prepares for the year 2000.

Your Sincerely

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