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To: All Heads of School (State and Non-State) & Sections

Subject: Celebrate Women's Struggle for Equality, Justice, Peace and Development

From: Ms Josephine Vassallo, Education Officer – Democracy and Values Education

On **March 8** (International Women's Day) all women around the world celebrate their common history of struggle for Equality, Justice, Peace and Development.

The theme for this year's celebration is "*2007: Ending Impunity for Violence against Women*".

Schools are invited to join the world in remembering the contributions and concerns of women and girls.

Suggestions for celebrating this day:

- During assembly invite students to reflect on the attached prayer and to remember mothers, sisters and friends;
- Organise cross-curricular workshops and cultural events around the theme of this year's day – Ending Impunity for Violence against Women;
- Learn about:
 - o The UN Secretary-General's Study on Violence against Women (<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/vaw/>);
 - o Amnesty International – Stop Violence Against Women (<http://web.amnesty.org/actforwomen/index-eng>);
 - o International treaties which protect the rights of women and girls and find out if our government has ratified each of these important instruments:
 - Convention to End All Form of Discrimination Against Women (<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/index.html>);
 - Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/trafficking_human_beings.html);
 - Convention on the Rights of the Child (<http://www.ohchr.org/english/law/crc.htm>);
 - o Promote the accomplishment of the Millennium Development Goals especially those directly related to women and girls (<http://www.millenniumcampaign.org/site/pp.asp?c=grKVL2NLE&b=138312>)

Heads of School are kindly requested to fill in the attached feedback sheet and to send to **Ms Josephine Vassallo, E.O. Democracy and Values Education, Room 313, Great Siege Road, Floriana CMR 02**, by not later than **Friday 23rd March 2007**.

Dr. C. Borg

Director General of Education

in the absence of Director Student Services and International Relations

PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Women are a reflection of the glory of God. Today we honour the women of all times and all places:

Women of courage.

Women of hope.

Women suffering.

Women mourning.

Women living fully.

Women experiencing joy.

Women delighting in life.

Women knowing the interconnectedness of the human family.

Women honouring the sacredness of the relational, the affective.

Women quietly tending the garden of human flourishing.

Women boldly leading the transformation of unjust global structures.

Women seeking Wisdom.

Women sharing Wisdom.

Women receiving Love.

Women giving Love.

Women: life-giving.

Women: the image of God.

Loving God, we celebrate your faithfulness and love. On this day we commit ourselves to the promotion of the full humanity of all women everywhere. We know that whatever denies, diminishes or distorts the full humanity of women is not of God.

Help us to be faithful to your call to love.

Amen.

8 March 2007

ENDING IMPUNITY FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Feedback Sheet

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Kindly tick '✓' where applicable and please explain how the activity was organised

Activity	✓	How was it organised
During Assembly		
Cross-curricular Workshops		
Cultural Events		
Other (please specify)		

Head of School

Date: _____