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PLENARY

1. SPEAKERS CONCLUDED DEBATE ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST (ITEM 3B), COMMENDING ISRAELI PEACE ACCORDS WITH PALESTINIAN LEADERS AND WITH JORDAN, AND URGING IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. ARAB STATES CONTINUED PRESSURE FOR ISRAELI IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT ACCORDS AND FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.
2. SYRIA INCREASED ITS HARSH CRITICISM OF ISRAELI "INTRANSIGENCE" ON NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. THE PERMREP AGAIN ACCUSED ISRAEL OF MISLEADING THE PUBLIC AND INITIATING AGGRESSION AGAINST SYRIAN CITIZENS. THE U.S., TOO, MUST "LIVE UP TO ITS COMMITMENTS," HE SAID, AND DETER THE GOI'S EFFORTS TO MARGINALIZE THE U.S. ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS.
3. IRAN BERATED THE "ZIONIST REGIME" FOR CONTRIBUTING THE "MAIN SOURCE OF TENSION AND CONFLICT IN THE LAST FOUR DECADES" IN THE MIDDLE EAST. INSISTING THAT IRAN HAS PURSUED "EVERY END IN ENSURING PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE REGION," THE PERMREP DEMANDED ISRAELI ACCESSION TO NUCLEAR INSPECTIONS.
4. JORDAN PRAISED ITS RECENT PEACE TREATY WITH ISRAEL AS TRULY "COMPREHENSIVE, JUST AND DURABLE." THE PERMREP CALLED ON DONOR NATIONS TO HONOR THEIR PLEDGE COMMITMENTS, ESPECIALLY ON PROJECTS WITH IMMEDIATE IMPACT. JORDAN'S ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION WITH ISRAEL IS A MODEL FOR OTHER STATES IN THE REGION, HE SAID, WHICH MUST ACTIVELY SEEK AGREEMENT ON CONTENTIOUS ISSUES.
5. QATAR, BRAZIL, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND OTHERS URGED RENEWED ATTENTION TO ISRAELI-LEBANESE PEACE TALKS AIMED AT EVENTUAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON. OTHER SPEAKERS PRAISED CONTINUED UN INVOLVEMENT IN GAZA AND JERICHO, ESPECIALLY THE SYG APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COORDINATOR TERJE LARSEN. JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, NORWAY AND OTHERS PLEDGED IMMEDIATE AND SUSTAINED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY.
6. BELARUS, QATAR AND NEW ZEALAND THANKED THE U.S. FOR ITS SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS IN THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN NEGOTIATIONS.

THIRD COMMITTEE

7. ITALY INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AS A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH MAY COME UP FOR ACTION EARLY NEXT WEEK. SINGAPORE IS LEADING A MOVEMENT TO HAVE A VOTE ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT EFFECTIVELY POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT YEAR BY A NO ACTION MOTION. DENMARK INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION ON THE VOLUNTARY FUND FOR VICTIMS UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 USUN NEW YORK 005321

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OF TORTURE; THE U.S. IS A MAJOR DONOR.

8. THE COMMITTEE BEGAN CONSIDERATION DECEMBER 1 OF ITEM 97, "THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN." GENERAL SECRETARY FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN GERTRUDE MONGELLA GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE BEIJING CONFERENCE. SHE SAID THE SECRETARIAT WAS PREPARING A LIST OF NGOS FOR ACCREDITATION TO THE CONFERENCE. NOELLEEN HEYZER, THE INCOMING DIRECTOR OF UNIFEM, ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE AND OUTLINED THE WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT AGENDA FOR THE 21ST CENTURY.

9. PARI SOLTAN-MOHAMMADI, A SECRETARIAT SPOKES PERSON, SAID THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS FORMULATED A STRATEGIC PLAN TO OVERCOME SHORTCOMINGS IN THE UN'S HIRING AND PROMOTION OF WOMEN.

FOURTH COMMITTEE

10. WRAPPING UP ITS 49TH UNGA BUSINESS, THE COMMITTEE ACTED ON THE LAST OF THE ISRAELI PRACTICES RESOLUTIONS (ITEM 78), ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. THE RESOLUTION (A/C.4/49/L.23) ON THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF THE SYRIAN GOLAN, WAS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO INCLUDE A NEW PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH NOTING THE MADRID PEACE CONFERENCE AND CALLING FOR "RAPID PROGRESS IN ALL BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS." GERMANY (FOR THE EU) EXPLAINED THE AMENDMENT PLACES THE ISSUE "WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF MADRID."

11. THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 108-1-13 (U.S.). ISRAEL STOOD ALONE IN OPPOSITION. ANGERED BY THE SYRIANS' AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE A PARAGRAPH ON THE PEACE PROCESS THAT DID NOT MENTION SC RES 425 OR THE OCCUPATION OF SOUTHERN LEBANON, THE LEBANESE DID NOT APPEAR FOR THE VOTE. IRAQ GAVE AN EXPLANATION OF VOTE SAYING IT HAD UNSPECIFIED RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE NEW PARAGRAPH. LIBYA AND IRAN ONCE AGAIN EXPLAINED THEIR NON-RECOGNITION OF

ISRAEL.

12. THE FOURTH COMMITTEE REPORT AND ACTION ON
RESOLUTIONS IN GA PLENARY IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 9.

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- STATEMENT IN UNGA THIRD COMMITTEE

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1. HERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF U.S. STATEMENT IN UNGA THIRD COMMITTEE ON AGENDA ITEM 97, "ADVANCMENT OF WOMEN", DELIVERED BY ARVONNE S. FRASER, UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, DECEMBER 2, 1994:

MR. CHAIRMAN, MY DELEGATION IS PLEASED TO MAKE SOME OBSERVATIONS AS WE PREPARE FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN TO BE HELD IN BEIJING, CHINA, NEXT SEPTEMBER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING FULLY IN THE INTER-SESSIONAL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK AND IN THE PREPARATORY MEETING NEXT MARCH AS THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION IS DRAFTED, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS HELD IN EVERY UN REGION THIS PAST YEAR. OUR OBSERVATIONS TODAY RESULT FROM OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE THREE REGIONAL CONFERENCES OF WHICH OUR COUNTRY IS A MEMBER: THE ASIA-PACIFIC MEETING IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA; THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN MEETING IN ARGENTINA; AND THE EUROPEAN REGION IN AUSTRIA. OUR OBSERVER DELEGATIONS TO THE WEST ASIA AND AFRICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCES ALSO FOUND THESE MEETINGS MOST INFORMATIVE.

MY COMMENTS TODAY ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE TEN REGIONAL MEETINGS HELD WITHIN OUR COUNTRY WHICH OVER 5,500 PERSONS ATTENDED. THESE MEETINGS WERE CO-SPONSORED BY OUR WOMEN'S BUREAU IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. MANY PARTICIPANTS TRAVELED HUNDREDS OF MILES TO ATTEND. THEY REPRESENTED "THE FACE

OF AMERICA," RURAL AND URBAN WOMEN OF ALL RACES, AGES, INCOME LEVELS, ETHNIC GROUPS AND RELIGIONS AND ALL POLITICAL PERSUASIONS. THE ATTENDEES REPRESENTED THE SMALLEST GRASS ROOTS ORGANIZATIONS AND LARGE NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ACADEMIC GROUPS, AND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S COMMISSIONS. THE PURPOSE OF THESE U.S. REGIONAL MEETINGS WAS TO INFORM INTERESTED CITIZENS ABOUT THE PROCESS LEADING UP TO THE BEIJING CONFERENCE AND TO ELICIT INFORMATION AND COMMENTS ABOUT THE STATUS OF WOMEN WITHIN THE U.S. AND THE CONCERNS OF ACTIVIST WOMEN AND NGOS. UNTOLD NUMBERS OF OTHER MEETINGS IN PREPARATION FOR THE BEIJING CONFERENCE ARE BEING HELD AROUND OUR COUNTRY ORGANIZED INDEPENDENTLY BY INTERESTED NGOS, INCLUDING SOME 11 OTHER CONFERENCES IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY ORGANIZED BY A NETWORK CALLING ITSELF PRIORITIES '95.

THOUGH WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING HOW MANY U.S. CITIZENS INTEND TO TRAVEL TO CHINA FOR THE CONFERENCE, THESE MEETINGS ILLUSTRATED THAT INTEREST AMONG U.S. WOMEN IS HIGH AND GROWING IN THIS FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN. THIS GROWING INTEREST IS ALSO DEMONSTRATED BY THE NUMBER OF CALLS, LETTERS AND NGO SUBMISSIONS BEING RECEIVED BY THE CONFERENCE OFFICE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON TO PREPARE FOR THE BEIJING CONFERENCE AND THE SOCIAL SUMMIT.

WHAT IS FASCINATING, JUDGING FROM THE PLATFORMS OR PROGRAMS OF ACTION ADOPTED BY THE REGIONS AND OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE U.S. REGIONAL MEETINGS, IS THAT THE CRITICAL AREAS OF CONCERN FOR WOMEN DO NOT VARY MUCH. THE PRIORITIES ASSIGNED TO THESE CRITICAL AREAS OF CONCERN VARY BY REGION BUT THE ISSUES TEND TO BE THE SAME. THEY ARE: THE FEMINIZATION OF POVERTY; WOMEN'S ECONOMIC STATUS AND EMPLOYMENT ISSUES; WOMEN'S LEGAL STATUS AND THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS; WOMEN, DECISION MAKING AND THE SHARING OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POWER AND OF FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES. WE ALSO FIND CONCERNS ABOUT EDUCATION AND TRAINING WITH A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE EDUCATION OF GIRLS, WOMEN AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AND HEALTH AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS.

THERE IS ALSO GREAT CONCERN ABOUT THE COLLECTION OF GENDER STATISTICS AND DATA AND WHETHER AND HOW SUCH DATA ARE AVAILABLE AND ARE USED IN POLICY FORMULATION AND PROGRAM DESIGN. EACH REGION EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR VULNERABLE, DISA

DVANTAGED AND OTHER GROUPS OF WOMEN SUCH AS THOSE HEADING HOUSEHOLDS; THE DISABLED AND THE ELDERLY; REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS, INCLUDING MIGRANT LABORERS; AND YOUNG WOMEN. AND THERE WAS UNANIMITY ON THE QUESTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND A NEW DETERMINATION ON THE PART OF WOMEN TO BE SEEN NOT AS VICTIMS BUT AS DECISIVE, ACTIVE HUMAN BEINGS CONCERNED ABOUT TAKING ACTION FOR THEIR OWN WELFARE AND THAT OF THE WORLD.

IN DOING AN ANALYSIS OF THE DOCUMENTS EMANATING FROM THE VARIOUS UN REGIONS, WE FOUND CONSISTENT REFERENCES TO

THE LACK OF RECOGNITION OF WOMEN'S UNREMUNERATED WORK, TO THE GROWTH OF DEMOCRATIZATION, TO WOMEN'S AWARENESS OF THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS AS SPELLED OUT IN BOTH THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN. THERE WERE ALSO FREQUENT REFERENCES TO THE IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN'S ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH CENTERS
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STUDYING GENDER RELATIONS AND TO INCREASED RELIANCE ON WOMEN'S NGOS AS INSTRUMENTS FOR WHAT THE AFRICAN DRAFT DOCUMENT LABELLED IEC -- INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION. IN ANALYSES OF CHANGES OVER THE PAST DECADE, EVERY REGION NOTED CUTS IN SOCIAL EXPENDITURES AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT WORLDWIDE RECESSION RAISED INCREASING CONCERNS AS DID WOMEN'S UNEMPLOYMENT.

AND INTERESTINGLY, IN THE REGIONAL MEETINGS WITHIN THE U.S., WE FOUND SOME OF THE SAME ISSUES AND ACTION STRATEGIES DESCRIBED IN THE UN REGIONAL DOCUMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN SOME RURAL AREAS OF OUR COUNTRY, MEDICAL FACILITIES ARE AS FAR AS 90 MILES AWAY. IN THESE SAME AREAS THERE IS NO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. IN MANY AREAS, URBAN AND RURAL ALIKE, WE FOUND MICRO-ENTERPRISES BEING DEVELOPED WITH, IN SOME CASES, SUCCESSFUL LOAN FUNDS SUPPORTED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NGO GROUPS TO ASSIST THESE ENTERPRISES. WE ALSO FOUND AN INNOVATIVE PROJECT ON WOMEN AND THE MEDIA WHERE A LOCAL WOMEN'S COMMISSION HAD SPENT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME MONITORING THE COVERAGE OF WOMEN AS COMPARED TO MEN IN BOTH THE MAJOR LOCAL NEWSPAPER AS WELL AS RADIO AND TV. THEY PRESENTED THEIR FINDINGS TO THE PUBLISHERS AND DIRECTORS OF THESE MEDIA ENTERPRISES WHO PLEDGED TO AND DID IMPROVE THE COVERAGE.

IN SHORT, MR. CHAIRMAN, AS WE DRAFT THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION FOR THE BEIJING CONFERENCE WE WILL BE FACED WITH WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED A "BASKET FULL OF ISSUES" OR CRITICAL AREAS OF CONCERN AND A BASKET FULL OF ACTION STRATEGIES. THIS MEANS THERE IS LITTLE HOPE FOR WHAT THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN PLANNED TO BE A CONCISE INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENT. THERE IS, HOWEVER, STILL TIME AND PLENTY OF ACTION SUGGESTIONS IN THE REGIONAL DOCUMENTS TO MAKE OUR INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENT READABLE AND ACTION ORIENTED. WE SUGGEST THEN THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO APPENDING A DECLARATION TO THE BEIJING PLATFORM THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE MAJOR ISSUES OR CONCERNS AND CALLS ON GOVERNMENTS, NGOS, THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND EVEN INDIVIDUALS TO TAKE ACTION, TO ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO THESE CONCERNS.

THIS SUGGESTION THAT WE ADDRESS THE DOCUMENT TO INDIVIDUAL WOMEN AS WELL AS GOVERNMENTS AND NGOS IS NOT

ORIGINAL WITH US. I RECALL THIS SUGGESTION BEING MADE BY ONE OF THE ASIAN DELEGATES IN A COMMISSION MEETING LAST YEAR AND I HAVE THOUGHT OF IT MANY TIMES SINCE. IF WE ARE TRULY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN OUR DECLARATION SHOULD URGE INDIVIDUALS, AS WELL AS NGOS AND GOVERNMENTS, TO TAKE DECISIVE ACTIONS, TO EXERCISE LEADERSHIP AT WHATEVER LEVEL THEY CAN, AND TO PUT HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES INTO PRACTICE IN THEIR DAILY LIFE AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS PARENTS AND ADULT ROLE MODELS FOR CHILDREN. THIS MIGHT BE CHARACTERIZED AS THE GRASS ROOTS APPROACH TO ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN. WE ARE NOT SUGGESTING THIS AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR GOVERNMENT ACTION BUT RATHER AS A SUPPLEMENT IN THE ACTION STRATEGIES WE WILL SUGGEST IN THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION FOR GOVERNMENTS AND NGOS.

THIS GRASS ROOTS APPROACH IS BORNE OUT BY HISTORY AND EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS BY THE DOCUMENTS EMANATING FROM THE REGIONS. IN EACH OF OUR COUNTRIES AND COMMUNITIES--EVEN IN OUR FAMILIES--WE ALL KNOW OF WOMEN WHO HAVE STOOD UP FOR THEIR RIGHTS AND THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS OR WHO SUGGESTED TAKING CERTAIN ACTIONS THAT ADVANCED THE STATUS OF WOMEN. IT IS TIME THAT WE RECOGNIZED THEM, LAUDED THEM, AND USED THEM AS EXAMPLES OF WHAT WOMEN THEMSELVES CAN DO FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN. IT IS TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WITHOUT THE WOMEN WHO CAME BEFORE US, FEW OF US WOULD BE HERE TODAY, AND THAT WITHOUT INDIVIDUAL AS WELL AS NGO AND GOVERNMENT ACTION, OUR PLATFORM FOR ACTION CANNOT BE CARRIED OUT.

THIS STEPPING FORWARD, TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR OWN FUTURE, TAKING OR SUGGESTING ACTION, AND USING OUR INTELLECTUAL POWERS IS THE ESSENCE OF CITIZENSHIP. WITHOUT ALL THE WOMEN WHO ATTENDED PREPARATORY CONFERENCES IN OUR COUNTRIES AND WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM, WITHOUT ALL THE WOMEN WHO HELPED WRITE THE DOCUMENTS THAT THE CSW WILL BE USING AS THE BASIS FOR THAT PLATFORM, WE CANNOT IMPLEMENT THE FORWARD LOOKING STRATEGIES OR THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION.

FINALLY, MR. CHAIRMAN, AS WE APPROACH THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, LET US PAY TRIBUTE TO THE WOMEN WHO INSISTED THAT THE PHRASE "EQUAL RIGHTS OF MEN AND WOMEN" BE INSERTED IN THE U.N. CHARTER BY URGING EVERY WOMAN OF THE WORLD TO JOIN IN WHATEVER WAY SHE CAN IN CARRYING OUT THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION WE WILL DEVELOP FOR AND AT THE BEIJING CONFERENCE. ONLY WITH THIS GRASS ROOTS APPROACH CAN WE TRULY MAKE THE 21ST CENTURY ONE OF EQUALITY FOR WOMEN AND MEN ALIKE.

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THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.
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PLENARY

1. EIGHT SPEAKERS ADDRESSED THE SYG REPORT ON RESTRUCTURING THE UN IN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND RELATED FIELDS. DELEGATIONS PRAISED ONGOING EFFORTS TO ENHANCE ECOSOC'S RELEVANCE TO OTHER UN BODIES, URGED MORE COORDINATION WITH THE BRETTON WOODS INSTITUTIONS AND SUPPORTED EFFORTS TO BROADEN THE THEMES ADDRESSED AT ECOSOC SESSIONS.
2. SPEAKING FOR THE U.S., AMBASSADOR MARRERO SAID A "FULLY EFFECTIVE ECOSOC" HAS NOT YET BEEN ACHIEVED. HE SUGGESTED A SHORTER, MORE FOCUSED ANNUAL ECOSOC SESSION, MORE DIALOGUE INSTEAD OF PREPARED SPEECHES AND DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-YEAR CALENDAR OF THEMES. MARRERO PRAISED EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE THE PAPERWORK GENERATED BY THE RELEVANT AGENCIES, AND JOINED OTHER SPEAKERS IN PROPOSING MORE CENTRALIZED COORDINATION OF UNDP ACTIVITIES.
3. GERMANY (FOR THE EU) SAID PROPOSED REFORMS MUST ENHANCE THE RELEVANCE OF THE VARIOUS BODIES TO OTHER UN ORGANS. THE DEPUTY PERMREP ENCOURAGED STREAMLINING OF THE UN DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS AND MORE EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT OF UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.
4. POLAND SUGGESTED THE UN DECENTRALIZE POWER TO A NEWLY-UNIFIED SET OF "UN COUNTRY OFFICES," INTEGRATING DEVELOPMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER A SINGLE UMBRELLA AGENCY. THE SPEAKER URGED MORE ECOSOC CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND A POSSIBLE MERGE OF THE SECOND AND THIRD COMMITTEES WITH A SEPARATE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS.
5. AUSTRALIA LAMENTED THE LACK OF BALANCE AMONG UN BODIES, ASSERTING THE "UN VESSEL HAS A LIST" TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL SIDE. THE PERMREP ATTRIBUTED RENEWED VITALITY OF THE GA AND ECOSOC TO THE LATTER'S WILLINGNESS TO SYNTHESIZE CONCLUSIONS OF GLOBAL CONFERENCES AND PRESCRIBE NEW SOLUTIONS.
6. THE ASSEMBLY PASSED BY CONSENSUS A RESOLUTION URGING CONTINUED INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE "NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT" OF HAITI.
7. GA PRESIDENT ESSY (COTE D.IVOIRE) ANNOUNCED THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SEVERAL SUBSIDIARY UN AGENCIES.

- WORLD FOOD COUNCIL - ANGOLA, KENYA, UGANDA, INDONESIA, MARSHALL ISLANDS, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, COLOMBIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND HONDURAS.

- UN DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN - INDONESIA, UGANDA
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- UN COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES - BELGIUM, GHANA, LATVIA, SENEGAL

8. TEN NATIONS SPOKE ON THE INTRODUCTION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON EMERGENCY INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN (ITEM 37E): THE UNITED STATES, GERMANY, AFGHANISTAN, TUNISIA, TURKEY, IRAN, INDIA, BANGLADESH, PAKISTAN, AND SAUDI ARABIA. LAMENTING THE GRIEVOUS SUFFERING OF INNOCENT AFGHANS, AMBASSADOR INDERFURTH SAID CO-SPONSOR U.S. HAD ANNOUNCED A STATE OF EMERGENCY TO RELEASE ADDITIONAL AID TO AFGHANS DISPLACED BY THE FIGHTING IN KABUL. HE ALSO PRAISED THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL MISSION TO AFGHANISTAN AND CALLED ON NATIONS TO REFRAIN FROM PROVIDING "FUNDS OR WEAPONS TO WARLORDS."

9. DEPUTY PERMREP ABDUL RAHIM GHAFOORZAI EMBRACED THE UN SPECIAL MISSION AND ASKED OTHERS TO GIVE IT "CONTINUOUS, SOLID AND SUSTAINED SUPPORT." SAYING THE GOA DOES NOT WANT TO SEE "KABUL TURNING INTO ANOTHER BIHAC," HE ASKED THE UN FOR A "STRONG COMMITMENT TO STAY SOLID UNTIL THE WHOLE PEACE PROCESS SUCCEEDS." GHAFOORZAI RELATED SOME PRECONDITIONS FOR THE PEACE PROCESS, INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP TO THE AUTHORITATIVE COMMISSION WHICH WOULD BRING NINE FACTIONS TOGETHER IN NEGOTIATIONS- THESE INCLUDED EXCLUSION OF A TENTH GROUP (THE DOSTAM FACTION), THE FORMATION OF A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT (BUT NOT A NATIONAL SECURITY FORCE), AND A PROPOSAL THAT THE GOA AND THE SPECIAL MISSION DECIDE THE "CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER" OF THE PEACE PROCESS.

10. MOST SPEAKERS SOUGHT MORE FUNDS AND RESOURCES FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, AND URGED DECLARATION OF A CEASEFIRE AND FORMATION OF THE AUTHORITATIVE COUNCIL. THE GOA CALL FOR FUNDS FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION WAS ALSO WARMLY RECEIVED, ESPECIALLY BY GERMANY (FOR EU, SWEDEN, AND AUSTRIA). PAKISTAN AND IRAN FOCUSED ON THE LARGE AFGHAN REFUGEE POPULATIONS WITHIN

THEIR BORDERS AND CALLED FOR EXTENSIVE ASSISTANCE. BOTH NATIONS ALSO NOTED THE PROBLEM OF LANDMINES.

THIRD COMMITTEE

11. THE THIRD COMMITTEE CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN (ITEM 97). TWENTY DELEGATES SPOKE, INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICA, ISRAEL, CUBA, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, AUSTRIA, CANADA, INDONESIA, DENMARK (FOR THE NORDICS), COSTA RICA, INDIA, BRAZIL, HOLY SEE, RUSSIA AND THE UN POPULATION FUND. STATES COMMENDED GERTRUDE MONGELLA FOR EFFORTS IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN INCLUDING PREPARATION FOR THE UPCOMING FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING.

12. MANY NOTED ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL TO UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 USUN NEW YORK 005364

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PREPARE FOR BEIJING. CANADA AND ISRAEL ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING TO INVOLVE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE WORLD CONFERENCE. MOST STATES, INCLUDING CUBA, URGED THOSE WHO HAVEN'T TO RATIFY OR ACCEDE TO THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW). AUSTRALIA AND OTHERS EXPRESSED CONCERN WITH CEDAW'S ABILITY TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE AND EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE RESOURCES. JAPAN AND OTHERS NOTED THAT THE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE STATUS OF WOMEN EMPLOYED IN THE UN SECRETARIAT NEED TO BE STEPPED UP IN ORDER TO MEET ESTABLISHED 1995 GOALS.

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1. SUMMARY: THE THIRD COMMITTEE HELD GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN (AGENDA ITEM 97) DEC. 1-6 AND ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS DEC. 12-14. THE GENERAL SECRETARY FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO THE SYG FOR HIS SUPPORT. THE FOCAL POINT FOR WOMEN IN THE SECRETARIAT EXPLAINED THE UN'S FAILURE TO MEET NUMERICAL TARGETS FOR WOMEN IN THE SECRETARIAT AND NOTED THE SYG HAD FORMULATED A PLAN TO ADDRESS THESE SHORTCOMINGS. G-77 STATES SPOKE ON THE NEED TO POSTPONE A DECISION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED MERGER OF INSTRAW AND UNIFEM UNTIL THE MATTER IS CONSIDERED BY THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN. SPEAKERS SUPPORTED PROGRAMS WHICH EDUCATE WOMEN AND INVOLVE THEM IN DEVELOPMENT. THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS NINE RESOLUTIONS UNDER THIS AGENDA ITEM. END SUMMARY.

3. THE THIRD COMMITTEE HELD GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN (AGENDA ITEM 97) DEC. 1-6 AND ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS DEC. 12-14. GENERAL SECRETARY FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN GERTRUDE MONGELLA INTRODUCED THE ITEM WITH AN OVERVIEW OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE BEIJING CONFERENCE, INCLUDING THE REGIONAL PREPARATORY COMMISSIONS AND THE SIGNING OF A HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENT WITH CHINA. MONGELLA SAID THE SECRETARIAT WAS PREPARING A LIST OF NGOS FOR ACCREDITATION TO THE CONFERENCE TO BE ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN MARCH 1995. SHE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO SECRETARY-GENERAL BUTROS BUTROS-GHALI FOR HIS "UNSTINTING PERSONAL SUPPORT" FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE.

4. NOELLEEN HEYZER, THE INCOMING DIRECTOR OF UNIFEM, ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE AND OUTLINED A WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT AGENDA FOR THE 21ST CENTURY. SHE LISTED FOUR KEY CHALLENGES: NEW PATHWAYS FOR DEVELOPMENT, SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT, STABLE LIFE AMIDST PRESSURES OF MIGRATION, AND STABLE LIFE AND ECONOMIC CHANGE.

5. PARI SOLTAN-MOHAMMADI, FOCAL POINT FOR WOMEN IN THE UN SECRETARIAT, TOLD THE COMMITTEE ABOUT THE UN'S FAILURE TO MEET NUMERICAL TARGETS FOR WOMEN IN THE UN SECRETARIAT. SHE NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS FORMULATED A STRATEGIC PLAN TO ADDRESS THESE SHORTCOMINGS.

6. AMONG THE THEMES ADDRESSED BY MEMBER STATES WERE PREPARATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING BEIJING CONFERENCE; THE NEED TO POSTPONE A DECISION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED MERGER OF INSTRAW AND UNIFEM (G-77 COUNTRIES); THE GROWING NUMBER OF STATES PARTIES TO THE CEDAW AND CEDAW'S NEED FOR ADEQUATE MEETING TIME AND RESOURCES; AND CONCERN OVER THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE UN SECRETARIAT. SPEAKERS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMS WHICH EDUCATE WOMEN AND INVOLVE THEM IN DEVELOPMENT. IRAQ CLAIMED THE "UNJUST" UN EMBARGO VIOLATES THE RIGHTS OF IRAQI WOMEN BY DENYING THEM FOOD AND MEDICINE. THE DPR KOREA CONDEMNED JAPAN FOR "REFUSING" TO ADDRESS THE "SEX SLAVERY" IT COMMITTED IN WWII AND CLAIMED THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS STILL ABUSING KOREAN WOMEN. THE PHILIPPINES CALLED FOR PROTECTION OF WOMEN WHO ARE MIGRANT WORKERS.

7. THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENSUS:

"PROPOSED MERGER OF INSTRAW AND UNIFEM" (L64);
"INTEGRATION OF OLDER WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT" (L66);
"CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN" (L68); AND "CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUEST FOR THE REVISION OF ARTICLE 20, PARA. 1, OF THE CEDAW" (L69). "INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN" (L67);
"IMPROVEMENT OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE SECRETARIAT" (L72); "VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN MIGRANT WORKERS" (L70);
"IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAIROBI FORWARD-LOOKING STRATEGIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN" (L65); AND
"TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND GIRLS" (L71). GNEHM

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER FROM UNDER SECRETARY TIMOTHY WIRTH TO VICE FOREIGN MINISTER LIU HAUQIU. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE LETTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. NO SIGNED ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MINISTER LIU:

I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF YOU AND OTHERS TO MAKE MY VISIT TO CHINA SUCH A PRODUCTIVE ONE. I ESPECIALLY ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COLLEGE IN BEIJING AND CONVERSE WITH THE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AND FACULTY THERE.

I WAS PLEASED TO SEE DURING MY VISIT THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN A GREAT DEAL OF CONSIDERATION TO POTENTIAL WAYS IN WHICH WE MIGHT FOLLOW THROUGH ON VICE PRESIDENT GORE'S PROPOSAL OF CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ON ISSUES OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT. OUR DISCUSSIONS ON CHINA'S AGENDA 21 PROGRAM WITH MADAME DENG AND AN IMPRESSIVE TEAM OF EXPERTS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAS GIVEN US NEW INSIGHTS INTO AREAS OF POSSIBLE

COOPERATION. I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING FURTHER DETAILS ON YOUR PROPOSAL THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES CONVEENE AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENERGY COOPERATION FORUM IN BEIJING NEXT SPRING. IN THE MEANTIME, I LOOK TO THE UPCOMING VISITS OF PRESIDENTIAL SCIENCE ADVISOR DR. JACK GIBBONS AND ENERGY SECRETARY HAZEL O'LEARY TO HELP ADVANCE OUR COOPERATION IN DISCRETE AREAS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

I APPRECIATE ALSO THE HIGH LEVEL OF INTEREST IN CHINA IN PARTICIPATING IN THE GLOBAL LEARNING AND OBSERVATIONS TO BENEFIT THE ENVIRONMENT (GLOBE) PROGRAM. WE HAVE FORWARDED A DRAFT BILATERAL AGREEMENT TO YOUR NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND LOOK TO CONCLUDE RAPIDLY THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

I WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE LOGISTICAL PLANNING AND PREPARATIONS THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA HAS UNDERWAY FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN CLEARLY, YOUR GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE. FOLLOWING ARE THE KEY AREAS THAT I MENTIONED ARE OF INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES IN PLANNING FOR OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE:

- OPEN ACCESS FOR MATERIALS INTO CHINA. WE EXPECT U.S. GOVERNMENT AND AMERICAN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS) TO PLAN TO BRING A VARIETY OF PRINTED, VIDEO AND AUDIO MATERIALS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT TO THE CONFERENCE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO OPEN ACCESS FOR THIS EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL.

- FAIR AND TRANSPARENT VISA ISSUANCES FOR NGOS. A NUMBER OF AMERICAN NGOS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ATTENDING THE WORLD CONFERENCE AND NGO FORUM. WE ENCOURAGE THE INVOLVEMENT OF NGOS IN UN CONFERENCES AND VALUE THEIR CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTIONS. WE EXPECT THAT SOME OF THESE GROUPS MAY EXPRESS VIEWS THAT ARE SEEN TO BE CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BENEFIT THE CONFERENCE AND FORUM TO PERMIT ENTRY TO THESE GROUPS. WE ENCOURAGE FAIR VISA ISSUANCE FOR ALL LEGITIMATE NGOS.

- PRESS CREDENTIALS. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT MANY MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN PRESS PLAN TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AND FORUM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO ISSUANCE OF PRESS CREDENTIALS AND ENTRY PERMITS TO ALL LEGITIMATE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS.

THE FRANK MEETINGS WHICH WE HAD WITH THE STATE FAMILY PLANNING COMMISSION (SFPC) ON CHINA'S FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM AND THE NEW MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH LAW WERE VERY HELPFUL IN ADVANCING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF CHINA'S PROGRAMS. I APPRECIATE THE WILLINGNESS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA TO

FOLLOW UP BY SITTING DOWN WITH MEMBERS OF OUR EMBASSY STAFF TO DESCRIBE HOW CHINA INTENDS TO IMPLEMENT THIS NEW LAW.

THE RESULTS OF MY DISCUSSIONS IN CHINA ON FUTURE BILATERAL COOPERATION ON COUNTER-NARCOTICS EFFORTS WERE VERY ENCOURAGING. THE RISING TIDE OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING CHALLENGES BOTH OUR COUNTRIES TO LOOK FOR NEW, PRACTICAL WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN COOPERATE TO STEM THIS TRADE IN HUMAN MISERY.

AS TIME DID NOT PERMIT US TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS AT ANY LENGTH, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE THE POINT MADE BY PRESIDENT CLINTON, AS WELL AS OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS, THAT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN CHINA, SUCH AS PRISONER RELEASES, RESUMPTION OF TALKS

WITH THE DALAI LAMA, AND ICRC ACCESS TO PRISONS, IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN A CONSENSUS IN THE U.S. FOR CONTINUED STRENGTHENING OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. I HOPE THAT THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN SHATTUCK AND ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER QIN HUASUN, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PROCESS OF NARROWING OUR DIFFERENCES ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, CAN BE SCHEDULED SOON.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ARRANGING A VERY PRODUCTIVE SCHEDULE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE.

WITH BEST WISHES.

SINCERELY YOURS,

TIMOTHY E. WIRTH

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