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1. THIS CABLE REPORTS ON FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS IN MOROCCO RELATING TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (ICPD) HELD IN SEPTEMBER 1994. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE COMPLEMENTED BY THE POST'S PLANNED POPULATION, FAMILY PLANNING AND DEMOGRAPHY CABLE WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED IN SUMMER 1995.

SUMMARY

2. EFFECTS OF THE CONSENSUS ACHIEVED AT THE SEPTEMBER, 1994 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (ICPD) ARE ALREADY EVIDENT IN MOROCCO. PROGRAM PLANNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING AND MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS HAVE BEGUN THE TRANSITION FROM VERTICAL PROGRAM PLANNING TO INTEGRATED PROGRAMMING SUPPORTING THE ICPD DEFINITION OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH. PREPARATION FOR THE ICPD, AND MOROCCO-BASED FOLLOW-UP, HAVE INITIATED INTERNAL DEBATE ON THE HIGHLY

SENSITIVE TOPICS OF WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT, ACCESS

TO SAFE ABORTION AND ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH. THE ICPD GAVE HIGHER VISIBILITY TO THE COMPLEX RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN POPULATION, THE ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION OF WOMEN AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, THUS ENCOURAGING PUBLIC INTER-MINISTERIAL COLLABORATION.

3. WITH CAREFUL IMPLEMENTATION BY THE GOM AND LOW-KEY SUPPORT BY THE US. GOVERNMENT AND OTHER DONORS, FAMILY PLANNING AND MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS ARE AMONG THE MOST WIDELY KNOWN AND STRONGEST SOCIAL SECTOR PROGRAMS IN MOROCCO. WITH A POPULATION OF OVER 25 MILLION, MOROCCO HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST CONTRACEPTIVE PREVALENCE RATES IN THE ARAB WORLD, CLOSELY FOLLOWING TUNISIA AND EGYPT. IF THE CURRENT TREND IN FERTILITY RATES PREVAILS, MOROCCO WILL ACHIEVE FERTILITY REPLACEMENT RATES OF 2.1 CHILDREN PER WOMAN OF CHILDBEARING AGE IN THE YEAR 2010. CRITICAL HIGH-LEVEL POLICY SUPPORT, 28 YEARS OF SYSTEMATIC INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND CHANGING ATTITUDES TOWARD SMALLER FAMILY NORMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COUNTRY'S ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE.

4. MANY CHALLENGES LIE AHEAD, HOWEVER, AND THE ICPD SUMMARY DOCUMENT SYSTEMATICALLY IDENTIFIES THOSE APPLICABLE TO THE MOROCCAN CONTEXT:

A. FAMILY PLANNING MUST BE VIEWED AS ONE OF SEVERAL ELEMENTS CRITICAL TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, WHICH IN ITS BROADER DEFINITION INCLUDES SAFE MOTHERHOOD SERVICES, HIV/AIDS AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS TO HELP WOMEN AVOID ABORTION;

B. THE STRIKING DIFFERENCE IN HEALTH AND FERTILITY INDICATORS BETWEEN URBAN AND RURAL RESIDENTS IN MOROCCO MEANS THAT MORE RESOURCES MUST BE APPLIED TO ENSURE ACCESS TO HARD-TO-REACH AND POORER POPULATIONS;

C. ADOLESCENT HEALTH, THE ROLE OF WOMEN AS DECISION-MAKERS AND ABORTION-RELATED SERVICES REMAIN HIGHLY SENSITIVE ISSUES THAT MUST SLOWLY BUT STEADILY BE BROUGHT TO THE TABLE; AND

D. SUSTAINABILITY OF SERVICE DELIVERY MUST BE ENSURED THROUGH A COMBINATION OF INCREASED GOM FINANCIAL COMMITMENT AND A FAR MORE VIGOROUS ROLE FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD TO PAY. END SUMMARY.

CAIRO: A CONSENSUAL VISION

5. AS HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY DOCUMENTED, THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE (PREPCOM) MEETINGS LEADING TO THE ICPD SPARKED INTENSE DEBATE ON A BROAD RANGE OF RELATED TOPICS BOTH IN MOROCCO AND ELSEWHERE. THE PRE-CONFERENCE DEBATE ON THE TOPICS OF THE REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS OF THE UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 06 RABAT 001684

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INDIVIDUAL, SAFE ABORTION, ADOLESCENT SERVICES AND FERTILITY REGULATION HAD ENORMOUS POTENTIAL TO MAKE THE ICPD PROCEEDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS DIVISIVE RATHER THAN ACTIONABLE. THE SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES THROUGH A SKILLFULLY WORDED SUMMARY DOCUMENT ATTESTS TO THE STRONG COMMITMENT OF BOTH ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS TO CONSENSUS-BUILDING.

6. ONE OF THE KEY CONCEPTS DISCUSSED AND AGREED UPON AT CAIRO WAS A BROAD-BASED DEFINITION OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, ENCOMPASSING FAMILY PLANNING, HIV/AIDS AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES, AND SAFE MOTHERHOOD PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS PROGRAMS TO HELP WOMEN AVOID ABORTION, WHILE ENSURING HUMANE TREATMENT AND COUNSELLING OF WOMEN WHO HAVE HAD RECOURSE TO ABORTION. POST CAIRO, THE GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO (GOM) HAS REVIEWED AND STRENGTHENED ITS COMMITMENT TO SAFE MOTHERHOOD PROGRAMS, WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE DONOR COMMUNITY TO PROMOTE IMPROVED ACCESS TO PRE- AND POST-NATAL CARE AND SUPERVISED BIRTHS.

7. THOUGH MOROCCO IS COMPARABLE WITH ITS MAGHREBIAN NEIGHBORS ON MOST HEALTH INDICES, IT

CURRENTLY LAGS FAR BEHIND IN ITS EFFORTS TO REDUCE MATERNAL MORTALITY. THE MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE IN MOROCCO, ESTIMATED AT 359 MATERNAL DEATHS PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS (RATES IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AVERAGE 26 PER 100,000), IS VISIBLY HIGHER THAN IN TUNISIA AND ALGERIA. THE GOM HAS CALLED FOR ALL DONORS -- USAID, THE EUROPEAN UNION, UNFPA AND UNICEF -- TO COLLABORATE ON A RENEWED, SUSTAINED EFFORT TO REDUCE MATERNAL MORTALITY. THIS NEW DIRECTION IS A PARTICULARLY GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE GOM'S EFFORTS TO BROADEN ITS OWN DEFINITION OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH.

8. IN ADDITION TO ITS EFFORTS TO CURB MATERNAL MORTALITY, THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WITH DONOR ASSISTANCE, IS ACTIVELY EXPANDING ITS EFFORTS TO PREVENT, IDENTIFY AND TREAT HIV/AIDS AND SEXUALLY-TRANSMITTED DISEASES.

9. THE ASSOCIATION MAROCAINE DE PLANIFICATION FAMILIALE (AMPF), THE LOCAL INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD AFFILIATE, SPONSORED A NATIONAL DEBATE ENTITLED "AFTER CAIRO 1994" ON OCTOBER 26, 1994. THE DEBATE, CHAIRED BY MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH ABDERRAHIM HAROUCHI, AND MINISTER OF EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, RAFIK EL HADAoui, INCLUDED AN ANALYSIS OF THE ICPD ACTION PLAN AND LED TO CREATION OF THREE NATIONAL COMMISSIONS FOCUSsing ON WOMEN, CHILDREN AND THE ENVIRONMENT. SPEAKING OFF THE RECORD, A SENIOR MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIAL DESCRIBED THE PROCEEDINGS AS AN IMPORTANT INITIAL STEP IN OPENING NATIONAL DEBATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE HIGHLY SENSITIVE TOPICS OF THE ROLE OF WOMEN AS DECISION MAKERS, ABORTION-RELATED SERVICES IN MOROCCO, AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES TARGETED TO ADOLESCENTS.

10. HISTORICALLY, THE AMPF HAS PLAYED A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN ENCOURAGING CONSTRUCTIVE DEBATE ON SIMILAR POLITICALLY-CHARGED TOPICS.

IN THE MID-1960'S THE GOM'S NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM WAS CREATED LARGELY IN RESPONSE TO AMPF'S LEADERSHIP AND PERSISTENT BUT EFFECTIVE LOBBYING WITH HIGH-LEVEL DECISION-MAKERS.

A STRONG RECORD OF ACCESS TO FAMILY PLANNING

11. OVER THE PAST THIRTY YEARS MOROCCO HAS WORKED TO ENSURE THAT ITS CITIZENS ARE ABLE TO FREELY DETERMINE TH
E TIMING AND NUMBER OF THEIR
OFFSPRING. THE SUCCESS OF THIS POLICY IS REFLECTED AT BOTH THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE SOCIETAL LEVEL. DURING THE THIRTY YEARS BETWEEN 1962 AND 1992 THE AVERAGE FERTILITY RATE DECLINED FROM 7 CHILDREN TO 4. THE POPULATION GROWTH RATE DECLINED FROM A HIGH OF 2.9% IN THE 1970'S TO A LOW OF 2.2% BY 1992.
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IF THE 1970 TOTAL FERTILITY RATE HAD REMAINED
CONSTANT THERE WOULD NOW BE 2.8 MILLION MORE
PEOPLE IN MOROCCO.

12. THE 1992 DEMOGRAPHIC AND HEALTH SURVEY
(DHS) SHOWS 41.5% OF MARRIED WOMEN OF
REPRODUCTIVE AGE USING SOME MEANS OF FAMILY
PLANNING, WHILE AN ADDITIONAL 26% STATE THAT
THEY INTEND TO USE CONTRACEPTION IN THE FUTURE,
MOST WITHIN A YEAR. VIRTUALLY ALL MOROCCAN MEN
AND WOMEN KNOW OF AT LEAST ONE CONTRACEPTIVE
METHOD, AND THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY ARE
SUPPORTIVE OF FAMILY PLANNING.

HIGH LEVEL POLICY SUPPORT FOR FAMILY PLANNING
AND POPULATION PLANNING

13. DESPITE THE ABSENCE OF A NATIONAL
POPULATION POLICY, THE COUNTRY'S ACHIEVEMENTS
CAN BE ATTRIBUTED IN LARGE PART TO MANY YEARS
OF HIGH LEVEL SUPPORT FOR POLICIES AIMED AT
BALANCING POPULATION GROWTH WITH ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT WHILE RESPECTING AND REINFORCING
THE SOCIO-CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS VALUES THAT

GOVERN FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS AND CHILDBEARING.
AS EARLY AS 1965, KING HASSAN II ADDRESSED HIS
CONCERNS ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE POPULATION
GROWTH RATE ON THE NATION'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, AND APPOINTED A SUPERIOR COUNCIL
TO DEAL WITH THESE CONCERNS. IN 1967 HE SIGNED
THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION OF HEADS OF
STATE ON POPULATION. HE ALSO UNDERTOOK ACTIONS
DURING THE 1960'S AND 1970'S WHICH SET IN
MOTION THE LONG TERM, INSTITUTIONAL EFFORTS
WHICH HAVE CULMINATED IN THE COUNTRY'S PRESENT
NATIONWIDE DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR FAMILY PLANNING
AND MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES.

14. IN THE EARLY YEARS, HOWEVER, THE
GOVERNMENT AVOIDED DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH
CERTAIN POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS FIGURES WHO
MADE STRONG PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO
POPULATION AND FAMILY PLANNING POLICIES. AN
EXPLICIT POLICY FOR SLOWING POPULATION GROWTH
WAS NOT ARTICULATED. INSTEAD, THE GOVERNMENT
FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES
AND EMPHASIZING HOW FAMILY PLANNING REINFORCES
ISLAMIC BELIEFS AND PRACTICES, ALL OF WHICH
EXPLICITLY SUPPORT RESPONSIBLE PARENTING AND
THE QUALITY, AND NOT SIMPLY QUANTITY, OF
CHILDREN. PUBLIC OPINION TOWARD FAMILY

PLANNING IS NOW BASICALLY POSITIVE.

15. WHEN ASKED RECENTLY WHETHER HE WAS CONCERNED THAT HE WAS ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH RELIGIOUS OPINION ON FAMILY PLANNING, THE KING NOTED THAT WHILE MANY CONCERNS HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED IN EARLIER YEARS, BY NOW THERE WAS BROAD UNDERSTANDING THAT FOR MOROCCO THE "CHOICE IS BETWEEN CONTRACEPTION AND POVERTY." IN SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS, THE MINISTER OF HABBOUS AND ISLAMIC AFFAIRS EXPLICITLY REAFFIRMED THE MUTUALLY REINFORCING NATURE OF MUSLIM BELIEFS ABOUT PARENTHOOD, CHILDBEARING AND FAMILY PLANNING. HE DISTINGUISHED, HOWEVER, BETWEEN ACCEPTABLE, TEMPORARY CONTRACEPTIVE METHODS AND THE LIMITED USE OF PERMANENT METHODS (E.G. VOLUNTARY SURGICAL CONTRACEPTION) IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES RELATED TO HEALTH OF THE MOTHER.

16. IN A FEBRUARY 10, 1995 PRESS RELEASE REPORTING PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF THE 1994 NATIONAL CENSUS, KING HASSAN ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO CREATE A NEW MINISTRY OF POPULATION. THIS NEW MINISTRY WILL BE CHARGED WITH COORDINATING A NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN RESPONDING TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ROADS, ELECTRICITY AND WATER SYSTEMS, SCHOOLS AND HEALTH FACILITIES. THIS MOVE IS A STRIKING EXAMPLE OF THE HIGHEST LEVEL RECOGNITION THAT POPULATION IS A CRITICAL FACTOR FOR MOROCCO'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

REMAINING CHALLENGES

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17. DESPITE THE NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MOROCCAN FAMILY PLANNING AND MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH (FP/MCH) PROGRAM, NUMEROUS CHALLENGES REMAIN. THESE INCLUDE:

- ENSURING THE FULL RANGE OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES TO WOMEN OF CHILD-BEARING AGE;
- CLOSING THE GAP BETWEEN RURAL AND URBAN ACCESS TO AND USE OF SERVICES;

- ADDRESSING CULTURALLY-SENSITIVE ISSUES, PARTICULARLY THOSE PERTAINING TO THE ROLE OF WOMEN AS DECISION-MAKERS, ABORTION-RELATED SERVICES, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES INCLUDING HIV AND AIDS, AND ADOLESCENT SERVICES;
- SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF UNMET NEED, I.E., REDUCING FERTILITY RATES TO A LEVEL CONSISTENT WITH "DESIRED FERTILITY RATES" MEASURED IN DIRECT SURVEYS OF MOROCCAN WOMEN; AND
- ENSURING LONG-TERM PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH CONTINUED EFFORTS TO PROMOTE INCREASED GOM FINANCIAL COMMITMENT AND AN EXPANDED ROLE FOR PRIVATE SECTOR DELIVERY OF PREVENTIVE SERVICES.

NEXT STEPS

18. THE PRECEDING SECTIONS HAVE SUMMARIZED THE HISTORY AND CURRENT STATUS OF MOROCCO'S FP/MCH PROGRAM, INCLUDING SOME IMPORTANT POLICY SHIFTS

PROMPTED BY THE ICPD. THE U.S. MISSION TO MOROCCO PLANS JOINT EFFORTS WITH THE GOM AND OTHER DONORS OVER THE COMING MONTHS, TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE ICPD PROGRAM OF ACTION. THESE INCLUDE:

A. FURTHER DISSEMINATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE ICPD PLAN OF ACTION. UNFPA HAS DISTRIBUTED 250 COPIES OF THE FRENCH AND ARABIC TRANSLATION OF THIS DOCUMENT TO GOM MINISTRIES, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PRESS IN MOROCCO. THE U.S. MISSION HAS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE DISSEMINATION AND DISCUSSION OF, AND ACTION ON, THE DOCUMENT.

B. SUBSEQUENT TO THE "AFTER CAIRO 1994" CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER, THE AMPF WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN CREATION OF A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION (NGO) FORUM DEDICATED TO IDENTIFYING AND IMPLEMENTING ACTIVITIES SUPPORTING THE ICPD ACTION PLAN. THE NGO FORUM MEETS REGULARLY -- MOST RECENTLY ON JANUARY 31, 1995 -- TO REVIEW ACTIONS IN PROGRESS AND POSSIBLE FUTURE INTERVENTIONS. THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF THESE INTERACTIONS IS TO FOCUS DEBATE AND ACTION ON SENSITIVE TOPICS WITHIN THE MOROCCAN CONTEXT.

C. THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN WILL BE HELD SEPT. 4-15, 1995, IN BEIJING, CHINA. USAID HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE MINISTRY OF

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND MOROCCAN NGOS TO IDENTIFY AND SPONSOR UP TO 10 OFFICIAL AND NGO REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE AND ITS PREPARATORY MEETINGS. AMONG THE KEY TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED AT BEIJING ARE WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS; KNOWING AND EXERCISING LEGAL RIGHTS; OVERCOMING POVERTY AMONG WOMEN; AND EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS.

D. EDUCATION IS A TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THE USAID-MOROCCO PROGRAM. 63 PER CENT OF MOROCCAN WOMEN AGE 15-49 HAVE NEVER ATTENDED SCHOOL (42 PER CENT IN URBAN AREAS AND 83 PER CENT IN RURAL AREAS). RECOGNIZING THAT THE EDUCATION SYSTEM DOES NOT SERVE THE NEEDS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY RURAL GIRLS, USAID PLANS AN ASSESSMENT OF THE EDUCATION SECTOR DURING 1995. USAID ANTICIPATES THAT THE ASSESSMENT WILL LEAD TO DEVELOPMENT OF A PILOT PROJECT DIRECTED TO CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION POLICY REFORM. THE OBJECTIVE OF THESE EFFORTS IS TO ASSIST MOROCCO IN REDUCING UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 06 RABAT 001684

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GENDER DISPARITIES IN EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BY ENSURING INC
REASED ACCESS TO PRIMARY AND
SECONDARY SCHOOLING, ESPECIALLY FOR GIRLS IN RURAL AREAS.

E. IN ADDITION, IN LATE 1994, THE MOROCCAN MINISTRY OF HUMAN RIGHTS ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO WORK WITH THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO JOINTLY REVIEW THE NATIONAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM TO SYSTEMATICALLY ELIMINATE LANGUAGE TOLERATING VIOLENCE TOWARDS WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

F. INCREASED FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FROM THE GOM AND OTHER DONORS. CURRENT LEVELS OF DONOR ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCO FOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY SUPPORTING THE ICPD PLAN OF ACTION ARE, ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY \$20 MILLION PER YEAR. USAID, THE SINGLE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR, PROVIDES APPROXIMATELY \$15 MILLION PER YEAR IN SUPPORT OF FAMILY PLANNING AND MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS, ALTHOUGH THIS ASSISTANCE IS SCHEDULED TO PROGRESSIVELY DECLINE BEGINNING IN

1997. THE GOM HAS AGREED TO PROGRESSIVELY INCREASE ITS OWN FUNDING FOR THESE PROGRAMS, MATCHING THE DECREASE IN USAID FUNDING.

G. USAID, THE GOM, AND THE DONOR COMMUNITY PLAN TO CONDUCT A JOINT ASSESSMENT OF LONG-TERM CONTRACEPTIVE REQUIREMENTS AND COSTS DURING 1995. USING THE FINDINGS OF THIS ASSESSMENT AS

A SPRINGBOARD, THE DONOR COMMUNITY WILL FOCUS ON DIALOGUE WITH HIGH-LEVEL FINANCIAL DECISION-MAKERS RESPONSIBLE FOR NATIONAL BUDGET PLANNING WHO CAN THUS ENSURE THE LONG-TERM FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF THE NATIONAL FP/MCH PROGRAM. USAID IS ALSO ACTIVELY PROMOTING PUBLIC-PRIVATE LINKAGES TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE SECTOR DELIVERY OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES, THUS REDUCING THE BURDEN ON PUBLIC SECTOR FP/MCH PROGRAMS AND ENSURING THAT PRIVATE SECTOR SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO THOSE CLIENTS WHO ARE ABLE TO PAY.

H. THE U.S. MISSION ACTIVELY SUPPORTS THE MOROCCAN FP/MCH PROGRAM'S ONGOING DATA COLLECTION AND RESEARCH PROGRAM. USAID/MOROCCO FINANCES MOROCCO'S NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC AND HEALTH SURVEY (DHS), DATA FROM WHICH ARE EMPLOYED AS THE GOM NATIONAL STANDARD. AN INTERIM DHS IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH - MAY, 1995, WITH PRELIMINARY FINDINGS AVAILABLE IN JUNE. USAID IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH MOROCCAN COUNTERPARTS TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL FP/MCH EVALUATION UNIT BASED AT THE MOPH, AND TO ASSESS AND IMPROVE MOROCCO'S NATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION REPORTING SYSTEM. A QUANTITATIVE EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF USAID'S INVESTMENTS OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY, WITH PRELIMINARY FINDINGS EXPECTED IN JULY, 1995.

I. THE DONOR COMMUNITY ACTIVELY ENCOURAGES SOUTH-SOUTH COLLABORATION IN THE FP/MCH SECTOR. MOROCCO IS THE SITE FOR A REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, AND HAS TRAINED HUNDREDS OF PHYSICIANS, NURSES AND HEALTH WORKERS OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS. IN 1994, MOROCCO HOSTED A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION FROM NIGER FOR A STUDY TOUR FOCUSING ON SOCIAL MARKETING, PROGRAM PLANNING AND POLICY DIALOGUE. ANOTHER HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION FROM SENEGAL IS PLANNED DURING 1995. MOROCCAN PROGRAM MANAGERS, TOO, WILL BE TRAVELING TO TUNISIA AND EGYPT IN THE COMING MONTHS FOR A FIRST-HAND GLIMPSE OF ADVANCED CONTRACEPTIVE LOGISTICS AND COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMS.

J. DONOR COORDINATION. DONORS ACTIVE IN MOROCCO'S FP/MCH PROGRAM (USAID, THE EUROPEAN UNION, UNICEF AND UNFPA) MEET REGULARLY TO

DISCUSS TOPICS OF CURRENT INTEREST. THE U.S. MISSION WILL CONTACT THE CURRENT CHAIR OF THIS INFORMAL WORKING GROUP TO ENSURE THAT THE ICPD ACTION PLAN IS ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING AND THAT ALL RELEVANT DONOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

19. THE ANNUAL POPULATION REPORTING CABLE WILL BE FORWARDED IN SUMMER, 1995, AND IT WILL
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1. SUMMARY. CHINESE DCM YANG JIECHI ON FEBRUARY 22 SPOKE WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNING U.S. PLANS FOR THE UN 4TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND U.S. PERCEPTIONS OF CHINESE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE. YANG, WHO REQUESTED THE MEETING, USED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SOUND FAMILIAR THEMES CONCERNING THE IMPORTANCE CHINA PLACES ON HOSTING THIS CONFERENCE AND ON VISITORS RESPECTING CHINA'S SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND POLITICAL STABILITY. IN CHINA'S VIEW, ONLY NGOS WITH ESTABLISHED INTERESTS IN WOMEN'S ISSUES SHOULD TO ATTEND THE WORLD CONFERENCE AND ASSOCIATED NGO FORUM. END SUMMARY.

2. CHINESE DCM YANG JIECHI, ACCOMPANIED BY SECOND SECRETARY ZHENG ZEGUANG, MET ON FEBRUARY 22 WITH THERESA LOAR, DIRECTOR OF THE GLOBAL CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT (G/CS). ALSO PRESENT WERE DIANE KELLY OF THE CHINA DESK (EAP/CM) AND JEFFREY MEER (G/CS). IN RESPONSE TO YANG'S QUESTION ABOUT U.S. GOALS AT THE CONFERENCE, LOAR RESPONDED THAT THE UNITED STATES SEES THE CONFERENCE AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO UPDATE THE DISCUSSION ABOUT WOMEN'S ISSUES, BOTH WITHIN THE UNITED STATES AND FOR WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD. YANG NOTED THAT IN HIS VIEW, THE THIRD WORLD AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE DIFFERENT PROBLEMS AND THEREFORE DIFFERENT AGENDAS FOR THE CONFERENCE.

3. YANG ASKED WHETHER THE UNITED STATES HAD IDENTIFIED ELEMENTS IN THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION THAT WE WOULD TARGET FOR ACTION AT THE PREPARATORY MEETING IN NEW YORK MARCH 15 THROUGH APRIL 4. LOAR REPLIED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD ONLY JUST RECEIVED THE DRAFT DOCUMENT, AND WAS STILL DETERMINING U.S. PRIORITIES. LOAR SAID THE UNITED STATES WOULD CERTAINLY PICK UP UPON THEMES PROMOTING THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN ADDRESSED IN OTHER UNITED NATIONS MEETINGS, SUCH AS THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE UPCOMING WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

4. YANG INQUIRED WHETHER THE UNITED STATES FELT CHINA WAS DOING A GOOD JOB IN PREPARING FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE, NOTING THAT IN HIS PERSONAL OPINION, CHINA LACKED THE EXPERIENCE TO ORGANIZE A MEETING OF THIS SIZE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT CHINA ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO HOSTING THIS CONFERENCE, HOWEVER. LOAR REPLIED THAT BOTH SHE AND UNDER SECRETARY WIRTH HAD BEEN IMPRESSED WITH CHINESE PREPARATIONS DURING THEIR VISIT TO BEIJING IN DECEMBER 1994. LOAR NOTED IT WAS CLEAR TO HER THAT CHINA HAD LEARNED SOME LESSONS FROM THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT (WHO HAD PREPARED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT) CONCERNING ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING.

5. LOAR CONTINUED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PLACES A GREAT DEAL OF IMPORTANCE IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND NGOS. SHE SAID THAT THIS PARTNERSHIP EXTENDS TO SOLICITING NGO INPUT INTO THE FORMULATION OF OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT POLICY, AS WELL AS INCLUDING NGO REPRESENTATIVES ON OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS,

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SUCH AS TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN. YANG
INDICATED INTEREST IN KNOWING WHO WOULD HEAD THE U.S.
DELEGATION TO BEIJING, AS WELL AS THE DELEGATION'S SIZE
AND COMPOSITION. LOAR SAID NONE OF THESE HAVE BEEN
DETERMINED. WHILE NGO REPRESENTATIVES ON THE U.S.
DELEGATION WILL BE INSTRUCTED DELEGATES, OTHER U.S.
CITIZENS WHO ATTEND THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE AND THE
NGO FORUM WILL NOT BE. SOME OF THESE LATTER INDIVIDUALS
AND GROUPS MAY BE CRITICAL OF CHINA, LOAR SAID.

6. AT THIS POINT, YANG LAUNCHED INTO DELIVERY OF HIS
MESSAGE AND REASON FOR REQUESTING THE MEETING. CHINA, HE
SAID, UNDERSTOOD ITS OBLIGATIONS AS HOST FOR A WORLD
CONFERENCE. HE NOTED THAT CHINA HAS MANY URGENT ISSUES
TO RAISE CONCERNING WOMEN'S SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. HE
INDICATED THAT GIVEN THE LARGE NUMBER OF NGOS SEEKING TO
ATTEND THE MEETINGS, CRITERIA MUST BE ESTABLISHED TO
SEPARATE THOSE INTERESTED IN WOMEN'S ISSUES FROM THOSE
SEEKING TO HARM CHINA (NOTE: IMPLYING PRO-TIBET AND
TAIWAN GROUPS END NOTE). WHILE IMPLYING THAT THE UNITED
NATIONS SHOULD MAKE THESE DISTINCTIONS, YANG ADDED THAT
CHINA MUST DO SO TO PREVENT THREATS TO ITS SOVEREIGNTY
AND INTEGRITY. GUESTS MUST RESPECT THEIR HOSTS, JUST AS
HOSTS MUST RESPECT THEIR GUESTS, HE SAID.

7. WHILE THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTAND'S CHINA'S
CONCERNS, LOAR SUGGESTED CHINA MIGHT CONSIDER ADJUSTING
ITS THINKING ABOUT FOREIGN VISITORS, EVEN THOSE CRITICAL
OF CHINA. BECAUSE THIS IS A UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE,
LOAR NOTED, IF A LEGITIMATE NGO WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE
MEETING, AND THIS WAS SEIZED UPON BY THE MEDIA, IT COULD
BECOME THE CENTRAL STORY OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE. THE
EGYPTIANS FACED THIS PROBLEM AND HANDLED IT WELL, SHE
SAID. EVEN THE UNITED STATES, IN HOSTING THE UNITED
NATIONS AND RELATED MEETINGS, MUST ALLOW ENTRY TO CRITICS.

8. THE MEETING TURNED TO QUESTIONS OF LOGISTICS, SOME OF
WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED PREVIOUSLY (REF A). YANG SAID HE
WOULD ASK IF BEIJING COULD PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT
CHINA'S NEW CUSTOMS LAW, AND ABOUT RESTRICTIONS UPON
INDIVIDUALS WITH CERTAIN DISEASES FROM ENTERING CHINA.

9. YANG SAID THAT DENG LUPING (SON OF DENG XIAOPING) IS
HEAD OF CHINA'S DISABLED COMMUNITY, AND WAS TAKING AN
ACTIVE ROLE IN PLANNING TO MAKE THE WORLD CONFERENCE AND
THE NGO FORUM ACCESSIBLE TO DISABLED INDIVIDUALS. LOAR
NOTED THAT A MUNICIPALITY IN THE UNITED STATES HAD
INQUIRED WHETHER THE CHINESE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (COC)
COULD MAKE USE OF A BUS EQUIPPED WITH HYDRAULIC LIFT TO

TRANSPORT DISABLED AND ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS TO AND FROM HOTELS, FORUM AND CONFERENCE SITES DURING THE MEETINGS. YANG THANKED LOAR FOR THE OFFER, AND SAID HE WOULD RELAY IT TO THE COC.

10. YANG THANKED LOAR FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET, AND SAID HE HOPED THEY WOULD MEET AGAIN.

11. COMMENT: THE MEETING, REQUESTED BY YANG, WAS CORDIAL AND TIMELY. HE DELIVERED A CLEAR MESSAGE THAT HOSTILE GROUPS WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED IN TO DESTABILIZE OR THREATEN CHINA. WHILE YANG DID NOT SAY THAT CHINA WOULD REFUSE VISAS TO THOSE IT CONSIDERS UNSAVORY, THIS WAS A CLEAR IMPLICIT MESSAGE. HE APPEARED OPEN TO LOAR'S ARGUMENT THAT STIFLING NGO CRITICISM AT THE CONFERENCE UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 STATE 051046

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AND FORUM SITES IN CHINA WOULD BE TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE HOST NATION AS WELL AS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

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1. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. USUN SEE PARA 4 FOR
REQUEST THAT MISSION AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL RAISE
ISSUES WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FOURTH WORLD
CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND PARA 5 FOR REQUEST THAT MISSION

ALSO CONSULT WITH OTHERS REGARDING SUPPORT FOR THE SAME SUBJECT.

2. DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED OVER THE FACT THAT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ADEQUATE RESPONSES FROM THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN REGARDING THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR NGOS. THE CONFERENCE SECRETARY GENERAL, GERTRUDE MONGELLA, HAS NOT YET PROVIDED THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE CRITERIA BEING USED BY THE SECRETARIAT TO MAKE ACCREDITATION DECISIONS, AS UNDER SECRETARY WIRTH REQUESTED IN JANUARY. FURTHERMORE, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 1C OF REFTTEL A, WHICH STATES "THE SECRETARIAT (FOR THE UN FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN) IS NOT CURRENTLY PLANNING TO PRODUCE A LIST OF THOSE NGOS NOT RECOMMENDED TO CSW FOR ACCREDITATION."

3. THE LATTER INFORMATION APPEARS TO DIRECTLY CONTRADICT UNGA RESOLUTION 48/108 ANNEX SUBPARAGRAPH D WHICH STATES "IN CASES WHERE THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT BELIEVES, ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRESENT DOCUMENT, THAT AN ORGANIZATION HAS ESTABLISHED ITS COMPETENCE AND RELEVANCE TO THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN ACTING AS PREPARATORY BODY, IT WILL RECOMMEND TO THE COMMISSION THAT THE ORGANIZATION BE ACCREDITED. IN CASES WHERE THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT DOES NOT RECOMMEND THE GRANTING OF ACCREDITATION, IT WILL MAKE SUCH INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH SESSION."

4. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT MISSION IMMEDIATELY BRING THE ISSUE TO MRS. MONGELLA'S ATTENTION AND ASK THAT THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY MR. WIRTH IN JANUARY BE PROVIDED TO US, AND THAT THE REGULATIONS AS OUTLINED IN UNGA RESOLUTION 48/108 ANNEX, SUBPARAGRAPH D, BE ADHERED TO. TALKING POINTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- AS THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR NGOS FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN NEARS ITS END, WE REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT THE CRITERIA BEING USED BY THE SECRETARIAT IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSION FOR ACCREDITATION.
- I WANT TO REITERATE WHAT UNDER SECRETARY WIRTH SAID IN HIS MEETING WITH YOU IN JANUARY, AND WHAT WE HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED IN A NOTE CIRCULATED TO YOU AND ALL UN MISSIONS REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE WE PLACE UPON CLEAR AND CONSISTENT APPLICATION OF RULES FOR NGO ACCREDITATION FOR THE UN FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN.
- I HOPE THAT YOU ARE ENSURING THAT ALL NGOS ARE TREATED FAIRLY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN CRITERIA.
- I ALSO WANT TO REITERATE OUR BELIEF THAT THE PROCESS SHOULD BE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED A COPY OF THE CRITERIA BEING USED TO MAKE ACCREDITATION DECISIONS,

WHICH MR. WIRTH ASKED FOR IN JANUARY. CAN YOU MAKE A COPY OF THAT AVAILABLE TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE?

- FURTHERMORE, I WANT TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG BELIEF THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNGA RESOLUTION 48/108, ANNEX SUBPARAGRAPH D, THE SECRETARIAT MUST PROVIDE THE CSW A LIST OF NGOS IT DOES NOT RECOMMEND FOR ACCREDITATION.
 - FINALLY, I HOPE THAT IN YOUR CONTACTS WITH THE CHINESE, YOU SUGGEST TO THEM, AS UNDER SECRETARY WIRTH AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN SHATTUCK HAVE DONE, THAT AS HOST COUNTRY, IT IS IN THEIR INTEREST TO KEEP ATTENTION FOCUSED ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MEETING AND NOT CREATE A CONTROVERSY OVER ISSUES OF ACCESS. I HOPE ALSO THAT YOU WILL NOT ALLOW THEM TO UNDULY INFLUENCE THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS AND THAT YOU WILL URGE THEM TO ISSUE VISAS TO ALL OF THOSE ACCREDITED TO ATTEND.
 - OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE THIS CONFERENCE A SUCCESS BY KEEPING THE FOCUS ON CONFERENCE ISSUES. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THIS CONFERENCE AMONG MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THE NGO COMMUNITY. UNLESS THE CRITERIA FOR NGO ACCREDITATION ARE FAIR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN CRITERIA, THE FOCUS COULD SHIFT TO THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS, AND DRAW ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE IMPORTANT ISSUES OF THE CONFERENCE ITSELF.
5. DEPARTMENT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT MISSION CONSULT WITH WEOG AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CSW AS APPROPRIATE TO ASK THEM TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF NGO ACCREDITATION WITH THE CONFERENCE SECRETARY GENERAL. IN APPROACHING MEMBERS OF THE CSW, MISSION SHOULD INCLUDE THOSE WITH ACTIVE NGOS LIKELY TO BE APPLYING FOR ACCREDITATION TO ATTEND THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, INCLUDING, FOR EXAMPLE, GUINEA, NAMIBIA, ZAMBIA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, SLOVAKIA, INDIA, JAPAN, PHILIPPINES, THAILAND, AND THE WEOG STATES. IN APPROACHING OTHER DELEGATIONS, MISSION MAY WISH TO DRAW UPON THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:
- IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERALL INTENT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 48/108, THE U.S. SUPPORTS THE BROADEST POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION AMONG NGOS IN THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN.
 - GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 48/108 CLEARLY STATES THAT WHEN THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE UN FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN DOES NOT RECOMMEND THE GRANTING OF ACCREDITATION TO AN NGO, IT MUST INFORM THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH SESSION.
 - THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION IS CONCERNED THAT THE UN MAY SEEK TO IGNORE THIS REQUIREMENT.
 - WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO JOIN WITH US IN REQUESTING THAT MRS. MONGELLA, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE, DIRECT HER STAFF TO COMPLY WITH THIS RESOLUTION, AND TO CONDUCT A FAIR AND TRANSPARENT ACCREDITATION PROCESS.

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1. POLOFF MET MARCH 6 WITH ZHU LUCHANG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL OFFICE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, CHINA ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (COC) FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, TO DISCUSS THE QUESTIONS RAISED REF B, WHICH WE HAD PREVIOUSLY FAXED TO ZHU. ZHU EXPLAINED THAT THE COC WAS IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING FOR ANOTHER BRIEFING FOR RESIDENT DIPLOMATS, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A MORE THOROUGH, AUTHORITATIVE RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS. THE ANSWERS PROVIDED MARCH 6, GIVEN BELOW, WERE NOT AUTHORITATIVE IN SOME INSTANCES. THOSE INSTANCES ARE NOTED.

2. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHINA ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

QUESTION ONE: WHAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING PREPARED FOR MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA TO COVER THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND FORUM '95?

-- BOTH THE FORUM AND CONFERENCE SITES WILL HAVE PRESS CENTERS. CONCRETE DETAILS ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT.

QUESTION TWO: APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY IDD TELEPHONE LINES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE MEDIA FOR THIS PURPOSE?

-- THIS IS ONE OF THE QUESTIONS STILL BEING ADDRESSED.

QUESTION THREE: WILL THERE BE ANY RESTRICTION ON THEIR USE OF LAPTOP COMPUTERS OR FAX MACHINES TO REPORT ON THE CONFERENCE AND FORUM?

-- THERE WILL BE NO RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF LAPTOPS. FAX MACHINES WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATION OF IDD LINES. JOURNALISTS MAY BE ABLE TO TRANSMIT FAXES FROM THEIR HOTEL ROOMS WITH THE PRIOR CONSENT OF THE HOTEL. IN ADDITION TO PRESS CENTERS, BOTH THE FORUM AND CONFERENCE SITES WILL HAVE BUSINESS CENTERS WITH FAX MACHINES, PROVIDED ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS.

QUESTION FOUR: WILL MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA HAVE UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO PARTICIPANTS (INCLUDING CHINESE) IN THE CONFERENCE AND FORUM? WILL THIS BE TRUE OUTSIDE OF THE CONFERENCE AND FORUM SITES AS WELL AS WITHIN THEM?

-- JOURNALISTS ACCREDITED TO THE CONFERENCE, WHICH BRINGS AUTOMATIC ACCESS TO THE FORUM, WILL HAVE ACCESS TO PARTICIPANTS AT THE MEETING SITES ONLY. IF THEY WISH TO CONDUCT JOURNALISTIC ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE MEETING SITES, THEY WILL HAVE TO APPLY TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT FOR REGULAR MEDIA ACCREDITATION TO CHINA. THERE IS NO SEPARATE ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR THE FORUM. JOURNALISTS WISHING TO COVER THE FORUM ONLY ARE SIMPLY TO

REGISTER AS PARTICIPANTS. AS WITH THE CONFERENCE, THEY MAY CONDUCT JOURNALISTIC ACTIVITIES ONLY ON SITE.

QUESTION FIVE: ON WHAT DATE WILL THE CHINESE ORGANIZING UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 04 BEIJING 005902

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COMMITTEE BEGIN MAILING HOTEL ACCOMMODATION CONFIRMATION FORMS TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE REGISTERED FOR FORUM ,95?

-- INDIVIDUALS SHOULD RECEIVE THEIR HOTEL RESERVATION FORM WITH THE PACKET THAT CONTAINS THE FORUM REGISTRATION FORM. THEY ARE TO RETURN THE HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM DIRECTLY TO THE COC IN BEIJING. ONLY WHEN THE COC RECEIVES NOTIFICATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S REGISTRATION FROM THE FACILITATING COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK, WILL THE COC FORWARD THE HOTEL RESERVATION FORM TO THE HOTEL OF CHOICE, ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. THE COC WILL FORWARD THE FORM TO THE HOTEL WITHIN THREE DAYS OF RECEIPT. THE HOTEL IS OBLIGATED TO SEND A CONFIRMATION BROCHURE. ZHU COULD PROVIDE ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF THE "VENUE AND HOTEL" BROCHURE, WHICH WE WILL POUCH TO G/CS.

END QUESTIONS FOR COG.

3. QUESTIONS FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

QUESTION ONE: WILL MEETING PARTICIPANTS BE PERMITTED FREELY TO DISTRIBUTE MATERIALS TO INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THE MEETING SITES?

-- ZHU, A RETIRED MFA OFFICER, REMINDED POLOFF THAT MATERIALS WHICH VIOLATE CHINESE LAW COULD NOT BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE THE MEETING SITES. HE NOTED THAT CHINA WAS HOSTING A CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S ISSUES AND EXPECTED THE MATERIALS BROUGHT BY PARTICIPANTS TO BE CONCERNED WITH WOMEN'S ISSUES. HE SPECIFICALLY CITED RELIGIOUS MATERIALS BEYOND THOSE FOR PERSONAL USE AS "INAPPROPRIATE."

QUESTION TWO: IF DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS IS LIMITED TO THE CONFERENCE OR FORUM SITES, WHAT PENALTIES OR RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO FOREIGNERS AND CHINESE CITIZENS WHO DISTRIBUTE OUTSIDE OF THE DESIGNATED AREAS?

-- ZHU DID NOT RESPOND TO THIS QUESTION DIRECTLY, BUT NOTED THAT "AS COMMON SENSE WOULD SUGGEST," THE PENALTIES AND RESTRICTIONS WOULD DEPEND ON THE INDIVIDUAL ACT IN QUESTION.

QUESTION THREE: WILL TIBET BE OPEN FOR TOURISM BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE MEETINGS? HOW CAN U.S.-BASED INDIVIDUALS ARRANGE SUCH TRAVEL IN ADVANCE OF ARRIVAL IN BEIJING?

-- TIBET WILL BE OPEN FOR TOURISM AS USUAL. ONE TOUR INCLUDING TIBET IS LISTED IN THE COG DISTRIBUTED "TOURIST LINES" BROCHURE. SEPARATELY, INDIVIDUALS CAN ARRANGE TIBET TRAVEL THROUGH LOCAL TRAVEL AGENTS. THE ONLY RESTRICTIONS ARE THOSE IMPOSED BY LOGISTICAL CONSTRAINTS, SUCH AS AIR FLIGHTS AND HOTEL SPACE, ETC.

QUESTION FOUR: THE U.S. PLANS TO INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS CARRYING TOURIST PASSPORTS AS PART OF ITS OFFICIAL UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 BEIJING 005902

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DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE. WILL THESE INDIVIDUALS BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THEIR VISAS?

-- ZHU ASSUMED THAT TOURIST PASSPORT HOLDERS WOULD HAVE TO PAY STANDARD VISA FEES.

QUESTION FIVE: AT LEAST ONE AMERICAN FILMMAKER HAS SAID THAT SHE INTENDS TO SCREEN A MOVIE AT FORUM '95. IF SHE WOULD LIKE PERMISSION TO SCREEN THIS MOVIE AT OTHER LOCATIONS IN CHINA, TO WHOM OR TO WHICH MINISTRY SHOULD SHE APPLY?

-- THIS DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON WHERE THE FILMMAKER WISHES TO SHOW THE FILM. THE "STANDARD PROCEDURES" WOULD VARY WITH DIFFERENT POTENTIAL VENUES.

END QUESTIONS FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

4. QUESTIONS FOR CUSTOMS:

QUESTION ONE: WE UNDERSTAND THAT CHINA PLANS TO ISSUE IN MAY A BROCHURE CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF CHINA'S NEW CUSTOMS LAW TO CONFERENCE AND FORUM PARTICIPANTS. RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE LAW INDICATE THAT CONFERENCE AND FORUM PARTICIPANTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CUSTOMS DUTIES ON THE IMPORTATION FOR PERSONAL USE OF LAPTOP COMPUTERS, FAXES, CALCULATORS, CAMERAS, VIDEO CAMERAS AND VIDEO RECORDERS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE MINISTRY SHOULD EXEMPT MEETING PARTICIPANTS FROM IMPORT DUTIES FOR THOSE ITEMS RELATED DIRECTLY TO THEIR USE AT THE CONFERENCE AND THE FORUM. IS THIS POSSIBLE? IF NOT, WHEN WILL A FEE SCHEDULE BE MADE AVAILABLE?

-- ZHU WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE "RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS" THAT IMPLIED PARTICIPANTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CUSTOMS DUTIES FOR THE ITEMS MENTIONED. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED EARLIER STILL APPLIES. EQUIPMENT INTENDED FOR FORUM/CONFERENCE USE MUST BE DECLARED UPON ENTRY INTO THE COUNTRY. IT MUST BE TAKEN OUT UPON DEPARTURE. IF NOT TAKE OUT OF THE COUNTRY, IT IS SUBJECT TO DUTY WHEN THE PARTICIPANT LEAVES CHINA.

QUESTION TWO: WILL CHINA PERMIT THE FREE IMPORTATION OF ALL MATERIALS (IN WHATEVER FORM) IN LIMITED QUANTITIES RELATED TO THE CONFERENCE AND FORUM? IF NOT, WHAT RESTRICTIONS ARE THERE UPON THE IMPORTATION OF PRINTED, COMPUTER, VIDEO OR OTHER MATERIALS?

-- ZHU AGAIN REPEATED THAT THERE WERE NO RESTRICTIONS ON MATERIAL RELATED TO WOMEN'S ISSUES WHICH MAY BE BROUGHT. THE MATTER OF BRINGING EQUIPMENT IS COVERED ABOVE.

END QUESTIONS FOR CUSTOMS.

5. QUESTION FOR THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH:

QUESTION ONE: THE CHINESE EMBASSY HAS INDICATED THAT ALL THOSE ENTERING CHINA MUST FILL OUT A HEALTH FORM. CAN UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 BEIJING 005902

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YOU PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE OF THIS FORM? MAY WE DISTRIBUTE IT IN ADVANCE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS?

-- ZHU SAID THAT THE STANDARD HEALTH FORM PROVIDED TO PASSENGERS ON ALL FLIGHTS TO CHINA APPLIES. (EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE G/CS WITH A COPY OF THIS FORM BY POUCH.)

QUESTION TWO: INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM WHAT SPECIFIC ILLNESSES ARE PROHIBITED ENTRY INTO CHINA? ARE THERE WAIVERS AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE OR FORUM?

-- ZHU NOTED THAT PERSONS SUFFERING FROM AIDS, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES, SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS AND CERTAIN OTHER DISEASES ARE NOT PERMITTED ENTRY TO CHINA. THE ISSUE OF WAIVERS FOR CONFERENCE/FORUM ATTENDEES HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED.

QUESTION THREE: WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME INDIVIDUALS ENTERING CHINA ARE SUBJECT TO BLOOD TESTING AT BEIJING AIRPORT. PLEASE PROVIDE THE CRITERIA USED TO SELECT

WHICH INDIVIDUALS WILL BE TESTED.

-- ZHU STATED THAT BLOOD SAMPLES ARE NOT TAKEN FROM
SHORT-TERM VISITORS, BUT ONLY ON A RANDOM BASIS FROM
THOSE INTENDING TO RESIDE IN CHINA FOR ONE YEAR OR MORE.

END QUESTIONS FOR THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH. ROY
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