

# Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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RUEHSH/AMCONSUL SHENYANG 0631

RUEHEG/AMEMBASSY CAIRO 1204

RUEHBS/AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS 1368

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RUEHAS/AMEMBASSY ALGIERS 0242

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RUESLE/AMCONSUL SHANGHAI 6801

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RUEHRB/AMEMBASSY RABAT 0243

**SUBJ:** KEY ISSUES RAISED AT THE 4WCW PLENARY

**TEXT:**

UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 04 BEIJING 039702

E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: KWMN, PHUM, PREL, AORC, UNCSW, CH

SUBJECT: KEY ISSUES RAISED AT THE 4WCW PLENARY

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE SUMMARIES OF THE REMARKS  
DELIVERED BY DELEGATES AT THE 6 SEPTEMBER MORNING  
PLENARY OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN  
(4WCW) IN BEIJING, CHINA.

IRELAND: MR. MERVYN TAYLOR, MINISTER FOR EQUALITY  
AND LAW REFORM

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-- THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT TRUE EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN BECOMES A REALITY IN IRELAND. THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING A LAW WHICH WOULD MANDATE THAT WOMEN CONSTITUTE 40 PERCENT OF ALL LEGISLATIVE BODIES IN THE COUNTRY. RECENTLY, THE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED A FAMILY PLANNING SERVICE WITH CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THESE CENTERS WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION, EDUCATION, AND COUNSELLING, FREE OF CHARGE, FOR ALL THE WOMEN OF IRELAND.

NORTH KOREA: MRS. YUN GI JONG, MINISTER OF FINANCE  
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-- BOTH THE "GREAT LEADER" KIM IL-SUNG AND HIS SUCCESSOR THE "DEAR LEADER" KIM JONG-IL MADE EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN A PRIMARY TENET OF THEIR PHILOSOPHY. THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT FOR WOMEN CANNOT BE DIVORCED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CLIMATE; POVERTY, OPPRESSION AND INJUSTICE MUST BE ELIMINATED ALL OVER THE WORLD. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST ENSURE THAT ECONOMIC AID AND COOPERATION IS FREE OF POLITICAL "STRINGS" AND OBLIGATIONS. NORTH KOREA CONSIDERS THE ISSUE OF THE OVER 200,000 MOSTLY KOREAN "COMFORT WOMEN" PRESSED INTO SERVICE BY THE JAPANESE ARMY DURING WORLD WAR TWO TO BE A TOP PRIORITY. MRS. YUN REQUESTED THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGE AND APOLOGIZE FOR THEIR CRIMES, PROSECUTE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENSLAVEMENT OF THE WOMEN, AND PAY FINANCIAL COMPENSATION TO ALL SURVIVING VICTIMS.

GERMANY: MRS. CLAUDIA NOLTE, MINISTER FOR FAMILY AFFAIRS, SENIOR CITIZENS, WOMEN AND YOUTH  
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-- GERMANY HAS EXPERIENCED SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN THE FIVE YEARS SINCE UNIFICATION, BUT THE EFFECTS OF 40 YEARS OF SEPARATION REMAIN. THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN EASTERN GERMANY ARE ACUTELY FELT BY WOMEN, WHO CONSTITUTE THE MAJORITY OF UNEMPLOYED WORKERS IN THE EAST. GERMANY HAS MADE GREAT STRIDES IN IMPLEMENTING LAWS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND TO ECONOMICALLY EMPOWER WOMEN. IT HAS DECLARED 1996 THE "EQUALITY, PARTICIPATION AND PARTNERSHIP YEAR." IN ADDITION, GERMANY HAS PLEDGED TO PROVIDE 40 MILLION USD IN AID TO DEVELOPING NATIONS OVER THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS. FINALLY, MRS. NOLTE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE CONFERENCE IN BEIJING WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA AND AROUND THE WORLD.

ZIMBABWE: MRS. FLORENCE CHITAURO, MINISTER OF NATIONAL AFFAIRS, EMPLOYMENT AND COOPERATIVES  
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-- MRS. CHITAURO BEGAN BY THANKING THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR DELEGATIONS FROM POORER NATIONS TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. SHE UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 04 BEIJING 039702

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THEN STRESSED THE NEED FOR WOMEN TO HAVE FULL EQUALITY WITH MEN IN SOCIETY AS OPPOSED TO SETTLING FOR EQUITY OR PARITY. EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARE THE FOCUS OF ZIMBABWE'S EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF WOMEN. THE NATION HAD COMPLETED A CLEAN WATER PROJECT IN 35 OF ITS 57 DISTRICTS TO REDUCE DISEASE AND EASE THE BURDEN ON RURAL WOMEN. MRS. CHITAURO CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT SHE HOPED THAT THE NEW WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO) WOULD ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THUS IMPROVE THE LIVES OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPING NATIONS.

EGYPT: MRS. SUZANNE MUBARAK, FIRST LADY OF EGYPT  
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-- MRS. MUBARAK STRESSED THE NEED TO IMPLEMENT THE PLATFORM OF ACTION ACCEPTED AT THE CONFERENCE, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT THE MORALS AND BELIEFS OF ONE CULTURE SHOULD NOT BE FORCED ON ANOTHER. SHE IDENTIFIED PEACE, DEMOCRACY, AND ECONOMIC REFORM AS KEY PILLARS IN EGYPT'S UNIQUE "EXPERIENCE." SHE POINTED OUT THAT LIBERATION OF WOMEN DID NOT NECESSARILY CONFLICT WITH THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM, AND CALLED FOR A DIALOGUE TO DISCUSS CONCERNS. POSITIVE STEPS TAKEN BY EGYPT TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF ITS WOMEN INCLUDE FULL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND A 300 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE EDUCATION BUDGET TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OF EGYPT'S YOUTH. MRS. MUBARAK CALLED FOR RECIPROCAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DONORS AND RECIPIENTS OF DEVELOPMENTAL AID. THE DONORS HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND STABILITY AND THE RECIPIENTS HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO USE THE AID WISELY TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THEIR PEOPLE.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY: MR. PAT FLYNN, MINISTER  
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-- MR. FLYNN EMPHASIZED THE FACT THAT RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS MUST BE A COMPONENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE. HE POINTED OUT THAT GUARANTEEING THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE MORE THAN 60 COOPERATIVE AND TRADE AGREEMENTS THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION (EC) HAS SIGNED AROUND THE WORLD. HE IDENTIFIED THE EC AS THE WORLD'S NUMBER ONE DEVELOPMENTAL AID DONOR, PROVIDING 41 PERCENT OF ALL AID WORLDWIDE. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE EC'S FOURTH 5-YEAR ACTION PROGRAM WOULD EMPHASIZE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND INCORPORATE MANY OF THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE

CONFERENCE.

MALTA MS. GIOVANNA DEBONO, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY,  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
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-- MS. DEBONO CALLED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE EFFORT TO  
ADDRESS THE INEQUALITIES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN. SHE  
STATED THAT EQUALITY FOR WOMEN WAS A SOCIAL AND NOT A  
POLITICAL OBJECTIVE. SHE IDENTIFIED HUMAN RIGHTS,  
FREEDOM AND HUMAN DIGNITY AS THE THREE PILLARS OF  
MALTA'S SOCIAL POLICIES AND CALLED FOR AN END TO  
INTOLERANCE.

MOROCCO: PROFESSOR ABDELHADI, COUNSELLOR FOR HRH THE  
KING  
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-- MOROCCO'S GOAL IS TO HAVE TRUE AND EFFECTIVE  
EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN BY THE YEAR 2000.  
UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 BEIJING 039702

E.O. 12356: N/A  
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PROFESSOR ABDELHADI STATED THAT MOROCCO EQUATES  
WOMEN'S RIGHTS WITH HUMAN RIGHTS. CITING THE KORAN,  
HE POINTED THAT ISLAM SUPPORTS THE EQUALITY OF MEN  
AND WOMEN. POSITIVE STEPS THAT MOROCCO HAS TAKEN  
INCLUDE COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION, FULL POLITICAL  
PARTICIPATION AND A FULL RANGE OF COMMERCIAL,  
CRIMINAL, AND LABOR LAWS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF  
WOMEN. FINALLY, ON THE BEHALF OF THE ORGANIZATION OF  
ISLAMIC CONFERENCES (OIC), PROFESSOR ABDELHADI CALLED  
FOR AN END TO TH ETHNIC CLEANSING IN BOSNIA AND  
PROSECUTION OF THE PERPETRATORS AS WAR CRIMINALS.

GABON: MADAME PAULETTE MISSAMBO, MINISTER OF  
EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS  
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-- MME. MISSAMBO PRAISED THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AT  
LENGTH FOR ITS ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE AND  
REAFFIRMED THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF CHINA  
AND GABON. SHE THEN POINTED OUT THAT ARTICLE ONE OF  
GABON'S BASIC LAW ESTABLISHES GENDER EQUALITY. SHE  
IDENTIFIED POVERTY, SPECIFICALLY THE DEVALUATION OF  
THE CFA FRANC, AS THE MAIN AFFLICTION OF THE WOMEN OF  
GABON. SHE CALLED FOR A GENERAL WORLDWIDE POLICY OF  
DEBT SERVICING AND DEBT FORGIVENESS FOR DEVELOPING  
NATIONS. FINALLY, SHE IDENTIFIED WARFARE AS THE MOST  
PROMINENT THREAT TO THE WORLD'S WOMEN AND CHILDREN  
AND CALLED FOR THE MONEY SPENT ON WEAPONS AND DEFENSE  
TO BE INVESTED IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

SWAZILAND: HRH PRINCE SOBANDLA DLAMINI, MINISTER FOR  
HOME AFFAIRS

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-- SWAZILAND HAS GIVEN PRIORITY TO RECOGNIZING THE  
EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN. IT HAS MADE A  
COMMITMENT TO ADOPTING OUTSIDE CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES  
THAT WILL MAKE THE COUNTRY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.  
MOST IMPORTANTLY, PRINCE SOBANDLA STATED THAT HIS  
COUNTRY WOULD "CEASE PRACTICES AND CUSTOMS THAT  
PHYSICALLY MUTILATE OR DEGRADE WOMEN."

PERU: DR MARTHA CHAVEZ COSSIO, PRESIDENT OF THE  
CONGRESS  
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-- IN THE FIVE YEARS SINCE THE ELECTION OF  
PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORA, PERU HAS MADE GREAT  
STRIDES IN FIGHTING POVERTY, DEVELOPING DEMOCRACY AND  
MAINTAINING PEACE. DR. COSSIO POINTED OUT THAT  
PERU'S WOMEN CONSTITUTED THE MAJORITY OF THE 25,000  
PEOPLE KILLED DURING THE "SHINING PATH'S" TEN YEAR  
GUERRILLA INSURGENCY. SHE ALSO CREDITED PERUVIAN  
WOMEN WITH A MAJOR ROLE IN DEFEATING THE INSURGENCY  
AS WELL AS IN FIGHTING PERU'S COUNTER-DRUG  
CAMPAIGNS. SHE SAID THAT PERU CURRENTLY SPENDS 40  
PERCENT OF ITS NATIONAL BUDGET ON SOCIAL WELFARE AND  
IS COMMITTED TO ELIMINATING ILLITERACY AND RAMPANT  
UNEMPLOYMENT BY THE YEAR 2000.

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: MR. JAMES GUSTAV  
SPETH, ADMINISTRATOR  
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-- MR. SPETH STATED THAT WOMEN HAD THE KEY TO  
SOLVING ALL THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS. CITING THE UN  
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT, HE STATED THAT GAINS HAVE  
BEEN MADE OVERALL IN IMPROVING WOMEN'S RIGHTS, BUT  
THAT THEIR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL POWER WAS STILL  
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LIMITED. HE ADMITTED THAT THIS WAS REFLECTED IN THE  
FACT THAT ONLY FOUR PERCENT OF THE UN AMBASSADORS ARE  
WOMEN. MR. SPETH THEN POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH  
CHINA RANKS 114TH IN THE WORLD ON THE INDEX OF HUMAN  
DEVELOPMENT, IT RANKS 23RD IN GENDER EQUALITY AND  
EMPOWERMENT.

ALGERIA: MS HAMANA MARITI, MINISTER  
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-- MS. MARITI REAFFIRMED ALGERIA'S COMMITMENT TO A  
BALANCED SOCIETY AND ITS OPPOSITION TO PREJUDICE.  
SHE IDENTIFIED ALGERIAN WOMEN AS "COMBATIVE,  
HONORABLE, AND DETERMINED" TO LIVE IN A JUST  
SOCIETY. ALGERIAN WOMEN HAVE DEEP ROOTS IN THE

ARAB-ISLAMIC WORLD, BUT THEY EQUATE ISLAM WITH TOLERANCE AND JUSTICE. IN REFERRING TO HER COUNTRY'S RECENT INSTABILITY, MS MARITI STATED THAT ALGERIAN WOMEN WERE PAYING A "HARSH PRICE" TO DEFEND DEMOCRACY IN ALGERIA. SHE THEN MADE A CALL FOR "FULL APPEASEMENT AND DIALOGUE" FROM ALL PARTIES IN THE CONFLICT.

2. FOLLOWING THE IRISH REPRESENTATIVE'S SPEECH, A WOMAN IDENTIFYING HERSELF AS AN IRAQI DELEGATE "EDUCATED IN THE UNITED STATES" PRESENTED A PAPER TO THE AMERICAN DELEGATE ENTITLED, "THE INHUMANE IMPACT OF THE BLOCKADE AGAINST IRAQ." THE WOMAN THEN WALKED AWAY WITH NO FURTHER COMMENT.

3. COMMENT. THERE ARE POINTS IN SEVERAL SPEECHES THAT MERIT COMMENT. THE NORTH KOREAN DELEGATE DEVOTED A SIGNIFICANT PART OF HER SPEECH TO ADDRESSING THE "COMFORT WOMEN" ISSUE AND CLEARLY ARTICULATING THE DESIRED REDRESS FROM JAPAN. THE DELEGATES FROM MOROCCO, EGYPT, AND ALGERIA ALL ATTEMPTED TO ADDRESS THE INHERENT CONFLICT BETWEEN THE EMANCIPATION OF MOSLEM WOMEN AND THE STRICT TENETS OF CONSERVATIVE ISLAM. THE ALGERIAN DELEGATE EXPRESSED HER SUPPORT FOR THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT IN ITS STRUGGLE WITH ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISTS WHILE CALLING FOR A PEACEFUL DIALOGUE. FINALLY, THE EFFUSIVE PRAISE GIVEN TO CHINA BY SEVERAL OF THE AFRICAN DELEGATES SUGGEST THAT SEVERAL DELEGATIONS MAY HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY CHINESE HOSPITALITY AND FUNDING TO MAKE "POSITIVE ENDORSEMENTS" OF CHINESE ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE. HALLFORD

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**SUBJ:** CHINA MEDIA REACTION -- SEPTEMBER 7, 1995

**TEXT:**

UNCLAS BEIJING 039706

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E.O. 12356: N/A

SUBJECT: CHINA MEDIA REACTION -- SEPTEMBER 7, 1995

SUMMARY: ON THE U.N. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, "GUANGMING DAILY" EXAMINED THE NAIROBI STRATEGY AND CONCURRED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR COUNTRIES TO ADOPT THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION. "CHINA DAILY" USED WESTERN COVERAGE OF THE NGO FORUM AS EVIDENCE OF MEDIA PREJUDICE "AGAINST CHINA AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT SHOULD "UNITE COUNTRIES TO PRESSURE THE MEDIA TO CHANGE." BOTH "PEOPLE'S DAILY" EDITIONS EXAMINED NATO AIR STRIKES, WITH THE DOMESTIC EDITION INTIMATING THE STRATEGY WILL BACKFIRE GIVEN TALKS AMONG UNEQUAL PARTIES ARE UNLIKELY TO PRODUCE AGREEMENT, WHILE THE OVERSEAS EDITION WONDERED "WHETHER A STRATEGY WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY PARTIAL TO ONE SIDE" CAN PRODUCE PEACE. ON FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HOPED FRANCE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT A CTBT WHILE SHANGHAI'S "WENHUI BAO" THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THAT FRANCE WOULD ABANDON ITS NUCLEAR DETERRENT, "ONE OF THE MAIN GUARANTEES OF STATE SECURITY." END SUMMARY

TOPICS:

--BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (COMMENTARIES)  
--FORMER YUGOSLAVIA (COMMENTARIES)  
--FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS (OFFICIAL COMMENT/COMMENTARY)

TEXTS:

1. BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (COMMENTARIES)

A. "FROM NAIROBI TO BEIJING" (BY XINHUA CORRESPONDENT LI JIANXIONG, ORIENTED-TO-INTELLECTUALS "GUANGMING DAILY" (GUANGMING RIBAO), 9/7)

EXCERPTS: "TEN YEARS HAS PASSED SINCE THE THIRD UN CONFERENCE ON WOMEN PASSED THE NAIROBI STRATEGY, A PROGRAMMATIC DOCUMENT TO IMPROVE THE STATUS OF WOMEN. THE SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGES DURING THE DECADE HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY HAD A MAJOR IMPACT ON WOMEN. GOVERNMENTS, NGOS AND WOMEN HAVE WORKED HARD TO IMPLEMENT THE NAIROBI STRATEGY AND REALIZE GENDER EQUALITY AND HAVE PROGRESSED IN SOME AREAS. BUT IT IS STILL NECESSARY TO MAKE STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO COMPLETELY REALIZE THE TARGETS OUTLINED IN THE NAIROBI STRATEGY.

"FROM NAIROBI TO BEIJING, THE STRUGGLE OF WOMEN FOR EQUAL RIGHTS AND IMPROVED STATUS IS CONTINUING ACROSS THE GLOBE. PEOPLE HAVE GREAT HOPE THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL PASS THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION, ... AND INJECT NEW VITALITY INTO THE IMPLEMENTING THE NAIROBI STRATEGY."

B. "WESTERN MEDIA BIAS IS CRITICIZED" (BY XINHUA, OPINION PAGE, ENGLISH LANGUAGE "CHINA DAILY", 9/7)

EXCERPTS: "THERE IS A STRONG PREJUDICE, A STRONG BIAS AGAINST CHINA AND AGAINST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SAID XIONG LEI, A VETERAN REPORTER OF XINHUA NEWS AGENCY.

"WESTERN PRESS HAVE PAID LITTLE ATTENTION TO THE 20,000-PLUS PARTICIPANTS IN THE NGO FORUM, BUT THEY FOCUS ON THE COLLAPSE OF A WALL AT HUAIROU, SOME CAR ACCIDENTS, AND (THE ACTIVITIES OF) MINORITIES AND A FEW TIBETANS IN EXILE. THEY ALWAYS LOOK FOR TROUBLE. IF THERE IS NO TROUBLE, THEY WILL EVEN MAKE IT."

. . . ONE CAN FEEL THE STRONG INEQUALITY IN THE MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THOUGH IT WILL NOT BE EASY, WE SHOULD UNITE T THIS CONFERENCE TO PRESSURE (THE WESTERN MAINSTREAM MEDIA) TO CHANGE."

2. FORMER YUGOSLAVIA (COMMENTARIES)

A. "BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA: DANGERS I THE HIGH PRESSURE POLICY" (BY BELGRADE CORRESPONDENT HU XIJIN, OFFICIAL COMMUNIST PARTY "PEOPLE' DAILY' (RENMIN RIBAO), 9/7)

EXCERPTS: "MEDIA IEW THE WESTERN HIGH PRESSURE POLICY AS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. MORE NATO AIR STRIKES MAY SERIOUSLY AFFECT THE PRESENT NEGOTIATING ENVIRONMENT. EVEN I THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS ARE RESUMED, THE

PARTIES WILL POSSESS UNEVEN BARGAINING POWER. IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO RESOLVE THE VERY COMPLICATED BOSNIAN ISSUE WITHOUT A NEGOTIATION AMONG EQUALS. THE PARTIES WILL BE UNABLE TO IMPLEMENT IN EARNEST AN AGREEMENT THAT IS RELUCTANTLY REACHED."

B. "NATO RESUMES AIR STRIKES ON BOSNIAN SERB FORCES" (BY CHEN JIN, OFFICIAL COMMUNIST PARTY "PEOPLE'S DAILY (RENMIN RIBAO) (OVERSEAS)", 9/7)

EXCERPTS: "NATO'S SERIES OF AIR STRIKES FULLY DEMONSTRATES THE WESTERN STRATEGY, LED BY THE UNITED STATES, TO PROMOTE PEACE WITH BOMBS IN AN ATTEMPT TO REALIZE PEACE IN BOSNIA THROUGH WEAKENING THE SERBS AND APPEASING THE MUSLIMS. IT IS STILL DIFFICULT TO PREDICT WHETHER A STRATEGY WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY PARTIAL TO ONE SIDE CAN PUSH BOSNIA ONTO THE ROAD OF PEACE.

"THE PURPOSE OF NATO IN RESUMING AIR STRIKES WHEN THE SERBS HAVE STARTED WITHDRAWAL OF HEAVY WEAPONS IS TO WEAKEN THE SERBIAN FORCES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO FORCE SERBIAN LEADERS TO MAKE FUTURE CONCESSIONS AND COMPLETELY ACCEPT THE UNITED STATES PEACE PLAN."

3. FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS (OFFICIAL COMMENT/COMMENTARY)

A. "FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ON FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS" (FRONT PAGE, OFFICIAL COMMUNIST PARTY "PEOPLE'S DAILY (RENMIN RIBAO) (OVERSEAS)", 9/7)

EXCERPTS: "FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN CHEN JIAN SAID YESTERDAY THAT CHINA HOPES FRANCE WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TOGETHER WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TO APPROVE A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY."

B. "FRANCE RESUMED NUCLEAR TESTS STARTING YESTERDAY" (BY PARIS CORRESPONDENT ZHENG RUOLIN, OFFICIAL SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL "WENHUI DAILY" (WENHUI BAO), 9/7)

EXCERPTS: "YESTERDAY'S UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST HAS THE 205TH SUCH TEST SINCE FRANCE BECAME A NUCLEAR POWER.

"NUCLEAR DETERRENT IS ONE OF THE MAIN GUARANTEES FOR FRANCE'S STATE SECURITY. FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS ARE A STRATEGIC ISSUE INVOLVING STATE SECURITY. THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE RARE THAT FRANCE WOULD RETREAT FROM ITS PRESENT POSITION. THE RUMOR IS THAT THE NEXT ROUND OF TESTS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN A MONTH OR SO." SILVER

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**SUBJ:** AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT'S PLENARY ADDRESS TO THE  
FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

**TEXT:**

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT'S PLENARY ADDRESS TO THE  
FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT OPENED THE  
AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION OF THE FOURTH WORLD  
CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING ON SEPTEMBER 6 WITH A  
SPEECH AFFIRMING THE USG'S COMMITMENT TO WOMEN'S  
EMPOWERMENT. SHE ENUNCIATED SEVEN CONCRETE STEPS  
THAT THE USG WILL TAKE TO ADVANCE THE STATUS OF  
WOMEN INCLUDING A COMMITMENT TO SPEAK OUT OPENLY AND  
WITHOUT HESITATION ON BEHALF OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF  
ALL PEOPLE. SHE AFFIRMED WHAT THE FIRST LADY HAD  
SAID THE DAY BEFORE -- THAT WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN  
RIGHTS. AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT POINTEDLY REFERRED TO  
FORCED STERILIZATION AND FORCED ABORTION AND SAID IT  
WAS UNCONSCIONABLE THAT FREE EXPRESSION HAD BEEN

CALLED INTO QUESTION AT THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.  
FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, HONORARY CHAIR OF  
THE U.S. DELEGATION, ATTENDED THE PLENARY DURING  
AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT'S ADDRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR MADELEINE ALBRIGHT ADDRESSED THE  
FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN SEPTEMBER 6,  
FOLLOWING BY ONE DAY AN ADDRESS BY FIRST LADY HILLARY  
RODHAM CLINTON TO THE SAME BODY THAT TOUCHED ON MANY  
OF THE SAME THEMES. AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT SAID THE AIM  
OF THE CONFERENCE WAS TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT HUMAN  
RIGHTS AND TO STRESS THAT WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE NEITHER  
SEPARABLE NOR DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF MEN. SHE  
DECRIED SEXUAL CRIMES AND OTHER VIOLENCE AGAINST  
WOMEN, INCLUDING THE DESPICABLE NOTION THAT RAPE IS  
JUST ANOTHER TACTIC OF WAR.

3. AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT REFERRED TO POPE JOHN PAUL II  
AND SAID THE USG BELIEVES, WITH HIM, IN THE EQUALITY  
OF SPOUSES WITH RESPECT TO FAMILY RIGHTS. SHE TOLD  
DELEGATES THE USG SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN FAMILIES BY  
CONDEMNING AND CURTAILING FORCES THAT WEAKEN  
FAMILIES, INCLUDING PORNOGRAPHY, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN.

4. AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT ENUNCIATED SEVEN "CONCRETE  
STEPS" THAT THE USG WILL UNDERTAKE TO ADVANCE THE  
STATUS OF WOMEN:

-- PRESIDENT CLINTON WILL ESTABLISH A WHITE HOUSE  
COUNCIL ON WOMEN TO WORK WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL  
ORGANIZATIONS AND TO PLAN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
FWCW'S PLATFORM FOR ACTION IN THE U.S.;

-- THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WILL LAUNCH A  
SIX-YEAR, USD .1.6 BILLION INITIATIVE TO FIGHT  
DOMESTICQOD  
B5-ZQU0--F WOMEN;

-- THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WILL  
UNDERTAKE INITIATIVES TO INCREASE WOMEN'S  
PARTICIPATION IN POLITICS AND TO PROMOTE ENFORCEMENT  
OF WOMEN'S LEGAL RIGHTS, AND

-- THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S. WILL  
CONTINUE TO SPEAK OUT OPENLY AND WITHOUT HESITATION  
ON BEHALF OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE.

5. THE AMBASSADOR RECALLED THAT NEARLY A HALF  
CENTURY AGO FORMER FIRST LADY ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HAD  
HELPED DRAFT THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS AND THAT CURRENT FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM  
CLINTON THE PREVIOUS DAY HAD ELOQUENTLY RESTATED OUR  
NATIONAL COMMITMENT TO THAT DECLARATION. SHE SAID IT  
IS A FOUNDING PRINCIPLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS THAT NO  
GOVERNMENT CAN HIDE ITS HUMAN RIGHT  
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S RECORD FROM THE  
WORLD. AT THE HEART OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION IS  
A FUNDAMENTAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN COERCION AND  
CHOICE. "NO WOMAN," SHE SAID, "--WHETHER IN  
BIRMINGHAM, BOMBAY, BEIRUT OR BEIJING--SHOULD BE  
FORCIBLY STERILIZED OR FORCE TO HAVE AN ABORTION."

6. AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT TOLD DELEGATES THAT FREEDOM  
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS OF THEIR  
COUNTRIES IS THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF EVERY WOMAN AND  
MAN. "DENY THAT RIGHT, AND YOU DENY EVERYTHING."  
SHE SAID IT HAS UNCONSCIONABLE, THEREFORE, THAT THE  
RIGHT TO FREE EXPRESSION HAD BEEN CALLED INTO  
QUESTION RIGHT HERE, AT A CONFERENCE CONDUCTED UNDER  
THE AUSPICES OF THE U.N. AND WHOSE VERY PURPOSE IS  
THE FREE AND OPEN DISCUSSION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS. SHE  
SAID THE U.S. WOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK A DIALOGUE WITH  
GOVERNMENTS "HERE AND ELSEWHERE" THAT DENY THEIR  
CITIZENS THE RIGHTS ENUMERATED IN THE UNIVERSAL  
DECLARATION.

7. IN CLOSING, AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT READ AN OLD  
CHINESE POEM IN OBSERVATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY  
OF THE GIRL-CHILD ON SEPTEMBER 6. IN THE POEM, A  
FATHER SAYS TO HIS DAUGHTER, "WE KEEP A DOG TO WATCH  
THE HOUSE, A PIG IS USEFUL, TOO; WE KEEP A CAT TO  
CATCH A MOUSE, BUT WHAT CAN WE DO WITH A GIRL LIKE  
YOU?" SHE ASKED FELLOW DELEGATES TO MAKE SURE THAT  
QUESTION WOULD NEVER NEED TO BE ASKED AGAIN, "IN  
CHINA OR ANYWHERE ELSE AROUND THE WORLD."

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SUBJECT: MFA PRESS BRIEFING, SEPTEMBER 7, 1995

1. SUMMARY. IN THE MFA PRESS BRIEFING ON SEPTEMBER 7, SPOKESMAN CHEN JIAN STEERED CLEAR OF HARSHLY CRITICIZING MRS. HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S SEPTEMBER 5 SPEECH TO THE U.N. FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT THE U.S. SHOULD FOCUS ON IMPROVING U.S.-CHINA TIES RATHER THAN "CREATING FRESH OBSTACLES" TO FRIENDLY RELATIONS. CHEN ALSO SAID THE MFA WAS INVESTIGATING AN AUGUST 5 INCIDENT AT THE NGO FORUM IN WHICH THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO CHINA WAS "JEERED AND JOSTLED" WHEN HE TRIED TO MEET WITH TWO AUSTRALIANS OF TIBETAN ANCESTRY. END SUMMARY.

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MRS. CLINTON'S "UNWARRANTED REMARKS"  
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2. THE MFA SPOKESMAN CHEN JIAN SAID MRS. CLINTON'S SPEECH INCLUDED "UNWARRANTED REMARKS" AGAINST CHINA AND WAS CONTRARY TO THE CONFERENCE'S GOALS OF WORKING TOGETHER, MUTUAL RESPECT, AND RECOGNITION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NATIONS. HE SAID "SOME PEOPLE" SHOULD PAY CLOSER

ATTENTION TO PROBLEMS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES RATHER THAN FOCUS ON OTHER NATIONS' FAULTS. WHEN ASKED IF THE SPEECH HURT U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS, HE STRESSED THAT THE PRINCIPAL ISSUE BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS WAS STILL THE FALLOUT RESULTING FROM THE LEE TENG-HUI VISIT. HE URGED THE UNITED STATES TO CONCENTRATE ON MENDING THESE FENCES RATHER THAN "CREATING FRESH OBSTACLES." IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE POSSIBLE EFFECT OF MRS. CLINTON'S SPEECH ON THE TIMING OF AMBASSADOR LI DAOYU'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON, CHEN SAID THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY HAD NOT CHANGED "AMBASSADOR LI WILL RETURN AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME."

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MFA LOOKING INTO AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR INCIDENT  
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3. ACCORDING TO CHEN, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS STILL INVESTIGATING AN INCIDENT ON AUGUST 5 IN WHICH THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR MICHAEL LIGHTOWLER WAS ALLEGEDLY SHOUTED DOWN AND SHOVED BY PRC NGO PARTICIPANTS WHILE HE ATTEMPTED TO MEET WITH TWO AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS OF TIBETAN DESCENT. CHEN STATED THAT MFA WAS STILL TRYING TO DETERMINE WHO WAS TO BLAME. HE ADDED THAT THE INCIDENT DID NOT MEAN THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAD ABANDONED ITS PLEDGE TO ALLOW FREE EXPRESSION ON THE NGO FORUM SITE IN HUAIROU.

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VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG MUST LEAVE BY 1997  
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4. A PRC TELEVISION JOURNALIST MENTIONED THAT A HONG KONG NEWSPAPER HAS REPORTED THE NUMBER OF OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES BEING REPATRIATED HAD RECENTLY DECREASED AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE REPATRIATION PROGRAM WAS NOW IN QUESTION. CHEN REPLIED THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE "DISRUPTION" OF THE REPATRIATION PLAN AND ENCOURAGED BRITISH AND HONG KONG AUTHORITIES TO ADOPT "RESPONSIBLE AND CONCRETE MEASURES" TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM. HE ADDED THAT THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE SITUATION WAS A "BURDEN TO THE HONG KONG PEOPLE," AND THE BRITISH REPATRIATION POLICY WAS AN OBSTACLE TO THE TIMELY SETTLEMENT OF THE ISSUE. CHEN STRESSED THAT "HONG KONG WILL NEVER BE AN AREA OF RESETTLEMENT FOR VIETNAMESE" AND ALL REFUGEES MUST LEAVE HONG KONG BEFORE JULY OF 1997.

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PRC-TAIWAN RELATIONS  
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5. A TAIWAN REPORTER ASKED HOW PRC-TAIWAN RELATIONS COULD IMPROVE CONSIDERING THE LACK OF DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. THE SPOKESMAN'S RESPONSE PLACED RESPONSIBILITY ON TAIWAN'S SIDE. HE SAID "TAIWAN AUTHORITIES SHOULD NOT PROMOTE ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO SPLIT THE MOTHERLAND." CHEN, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED HIS HOPE

THAT TAIWAN TOURISTS AND BUSINESSPEOPLE WOULD CONTINUE TO TRAVEL TO CHINA AND EMPHASIZED THAT THEIR "RIGHTS AND INTERESTS" WOULD BE PROTECTED BY CHINESE LAWS.

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THEY'LL STOP NUKE TESTING WHEN EVERYONE ELSE DOES  
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6. WHEN A REPORTER ASKED ABOUT CHINESE REACTION TO JAPANESE ANTI-NUCLEAR TESTING PROTESTS, THE SPOKESMAN REPLIED THAT CHINA WOULD STOP ITS "LIMITED" NUCLEAR TESTS WHEN THERE WAS AGREEMENT ON A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY. HE SAID MORE ATTENTION SHOULD BE PLACED ON NEGOTIATING THE TEST BAN TREATY THAN PROTESTING CHINA'S ACTIONS. CHEN ALSO ENCOURAGED FRANCE TO INCREASE ITS EFFORTS TO COME TO AGREEMENT ON THE TREATY.

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CHINA AGAINST NATO BOMBING IN BOSNIA  
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7. WHEN A RUSSIAN REPORTER ASKED CHEN ABOUT THE CHINESE POSITION ON RECENT NATO AIRSTRIKES IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, HE REPLIED THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WAS AGAINST THE BOMBING. HE SAID THE USE OF FORCE WOULD "SHARPEN THE CONFLICT" AND HAMPER EFFORTS TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. THE SPOKESMAN ENCOURAGED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO DOUBLE ITS EFFORTS TO "CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION." HALLFORD

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  3. FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING
  4. IRAQI SANCTIONS
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## PAGE ONE STORIES

1. HUMAN BOMB SUSPECT IN PUNJAB CM ASSASSINATION CASE WAS DISCHARGED PUNJAB POLICE OFFICER:

-- ALL NEWSPAPERS FRONT-PAGED REPORTS STATING THAT THE SUICIDE BOMBER WHO KILLED PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER BEANT SINGH AND 14 OTHERS ON AUGUST 31 HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS DILAWAR SINGH, A FORMER PUNJAB POLICE SPECIAL OFFICER WHO WAS DISMISSED FROM SERVICE IN 1994. DILAWAR'S BODY WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT WAS UNIDENTIFIED FROM AMONG THOSE KILLED IN THE BOMB BLAST. HIS PARENTS, WHO ARE NOW IN CUSTODY, IDENTIFIED THE BODY.

2. U.S. BANS SALE OF INDIAN SCARVES:

-- MAJOR DAILIES REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON THAT THE U.S. ON WEDNESDAY BANNED THE SALE AND ORDERED THE RECALL OF 375,000 "DANGEROUSLY FLAMMABLE SHEER RAYON SCARVES" IMPORTED FROM INDIA. ANNOUNCING THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON ANN BROWN SAID: "THIS IS THE LARGEST CLOTHING RECALL CPSC HAS EVER CONDUCTED UNDER THE FLAMMABLE FABRICS ACT." INDIAN EXPRESS' WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT CHIDANAND RAJGHATTA SAID INFLAMMABLE TEXTILES REMAIN A "HOT- BUTTON ITEM BETWEEN INDIA AND THE U.S. AND WASHINGTON HAS YET AGAIN HIT THE BUZZER." RAJGHATTA SAID NEW DELHI HAS SAID IT WILL SET UP AN ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE TEXTILE COMMISSIONER TO ENSURE THAT ALL EXPORT CONSIGNMENTS RELATING TO RAYON CHIFFON GARMENTS ARE ATTACHED WITH A FLAMMABILITY TEST CERTIFICATE.

3. FRANCE EXPLODES N-DEVICE AMID WORLDWIDE PROTEST:

-- ALL MAINSTREAM DAILIES PROMINENTLY FRONT-PAGED REPORTS FROM PARIS/LONDON STATING THAT FRANCE EXPLODED A NUCLEAR WEAPON BENEATH THE WATERS OF ITS SOUTH PACIFIC MURUROA ATOLL TEST SITE ON SEPTEMBER 5, DEFYING MONTHS OF INTENSE INTERNATIONAL PROTEST AND UNLEASHING A NEW WAVE OF ANGER. REPORTS SAID THE CONDEMNATION BEGAN ROLLING IN FROM AROUND THE WORLD MINUTES AFTER THE BOMB EXPLODED, WITH CHILE AND NEW ZEALAND RECALLING THEIR AMBASSADORS FROM PARIS AND JAPAN CALLING THE TEST "EXTREMELY REGRETTABLE."

1. FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

--"STRIKING OUTLOOK" EDITORIAL IN SEPTEMBER 4 THE TELEGRAPH:

"THE NATO STRIKES ARE AN ACT OF FORCEFUL DIPLOMACY, AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY THAT HAS APPEARED IN THE MIDST OF THE BALKAN CONFLAGRATION. THE WINDOW HAS BEEN CREATED BY THE SERIOUS BATTLEFIELD REVERSALS THE REBEL SERBS HAVE EXPERIENCED RECENTLY....

IT HAS BEEN REINFORCED BY CROATIAN SATISFACTION OVER ITS RECONQUEST OF THE BREAKAWAY SERB REPUBLIC OF KRAJINA.... THE BOSNIAN MUSLIMS...CANNOT TALK PEACE SO LONG AS ATROCITIES LIKE THE RECENT SARAJEVO KILLING TAKE PLACE. IT IS TO PREVENT SUCH ACTS, AND THUS KEEP THE WINDOW OPEN, THAT NATO LAUNCHED ITS BIGGEST MILITARY OPERATION IN THE BALKANS....

"THERE WILL BE SOME WHO WILL ARGUE NATO SHOULD HAVE BOMBED BOSNIAN SERB POSITIONS...MUCH EARLIER. THEY ARE WRONG. AS LONG AS THE WEST WAS UNWILLING TO COMMIT UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 NEW DELHI 011638

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-- ALL NEWSPAPERS FRONT-PAGED REPORTS STATING THAT THE SUICIDE BOMBER WHO KILLED PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER BEANT SINGH AND 14 OTHERS ON AUGUST 31 HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS DILAWAR SINGH, A FORMER PUNJAB POLICE SPECIAL OFFICER WHO WAS DISMISSED FROM SERVICE IN 1994. DILAWAR'S BODY WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT WAS UNIDENTIFIED FROM AMONG THOSE KILLED IN THE BOMB BLAST. HIS PARENTS, WHO ARE NOW IN CUSTODY, IDENTIFIED THE BODY.

2. U.S. BANS SALE OF INDIAN SCARVES:

-- MAJOR DAILIES REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON THAT THE U.S. ON WEDNESDAY BANNED THE SALE AND ORDERED THE RECALL OF 375,000 "DANGEROUSLY FLAMMABLE SHEER RAYON SCARVES" IMPORTED FROM INDIA. ANNOUNCING THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON ANN BROWN SAID: "THIS IS THE LARGEST CLOTHING RECALL CPSC HAS EVER CONDUCTED UNDER THE FLAMMABLE FABRICS ACT." INDIAN EXPRESS' WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT CHIDANAND RAJGHATTA SAID INFLAMMABLE TEXTILES REMAIN A "HOT- BUTTON ITEM BETWEEN INDIA AND THE U.S. AND WASHINGTON HAS YET AGAIN HIT THE BUZZER." RAJGHATTA SAID NEW DELHI HAS SAID IT WILL SET UP AN ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE TEXTILE COMMISSIONER TO ENSURE THAT ALL EXPORT CONSIGNMENTS RELATING TO RAYON CHIFFON GARMENTS ARE ATTACHED WITH A FLAMMABILITY TEST CERTIFICATE.

3. FRANCE EXPLODES N-DEVICE AMID WORLDWIDE PROTEST:

-- ALL MAINSTREAM DAILIES PROMINENTLY FRONT-PAGED REPORTS FROM PARIS/LONDON STATING THAT FRANCE EXPLODED A NUCLEAR WEAPON BENEATH THE WATERS OF ITS SOUTH PACIFIC MURUROA ATOLL TEST SITE ON SEPTEMBER 5, DEFYING MONTHS OF INTENSE INTERNATIONAL PROTEST AND UNLEASHING A NEW WAVE OF ANGER. REPORTS SAID THE CONDEMNATION BEGAN ROLLING IN FROM AROUND THE WORLD MINUTES AFTER THE BOMB EXPLODED, WITH CHILE AND NEW ZEALAND RECALLING THEIR AMBASSADORS FROM PARIS AND JAPAN CALLING THE TEST "EXTREMELY REGRETTABLE."

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RECONQUEST OF THE BREAKAWAY SERB REPUBLIC OF KRAJINA.... THE BOSNIAN MUSLIMS...CANNOT TALK PEACE SO LONG AS ATROCITIES LIKE THE RECENT SARAJEVO KILLING TAKE PLACE. IT IS TO PREVENT SUCH ACTS, AND THUS KEEP THE WINDOW OPEN, THAT NATO LAUNCHED ITS BIGGEST MILITARY OPERATION IN THE BALKANS....

"THERE WILL BE SOME WHO WILL ARGUE NATO SHOULD HAVE BOMBED BOSNIAN SERB POSITIONS...MUCH EARLIER. THEY ARE WRONG. AS LONG AS THE WEST WAS UNWILLING TO COMMIT UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 NEW DELHI 011641

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DASGUPTA'S EDIT PAGE COLUMN TO BANGALORE-BASED  
LEFT-OF-CENTER DECCAN HERALD OF AUGUST 31:

"ONE OF WASHINGTON'S PRIMARY AIMS IN WEST ASIA IS  
THE OVERTHROW OF PRESIDENT SADDAM.... EVERYONE KNOWS  
THAT THE ECONOMIC BOYCOTT OF IRAQ IS HURTING THE PEOPLE  
OF THAT COUNTRY MORE THAN ITS RULER. WASHINGTON JUST  
CHOOSES TO IGNORE THIS IN THE HOPE THAT THEIR INCREASING  
MISERY WILL FORCE THE IRAQI PEOPLE TO RISE AND OVERTHROW  
SADDAM SOME DAY.... AN AMERICAN WIND IS BLOWING OVER  
WEST ASIA....

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MUCH-PUBLICIZED PRESENCE OF CARRIER-BORNE AMERICAN  
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OFFERED PRESIDENT SADDAM ASYLUM IF THE LATTER REQUIRES  
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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. REPRESENTATIVES OF HUMAN RIGHTS NGOS ACCREDITED TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN MET WITH UNDER SECRETARY TIM WIRTH AND REPRESENTATIVES OF UNDP TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT: 1) THE CURRENT SITUATION FOR NGOS IN HUAIROU; 2) NGOS ACCESS AT THE UN CONFERENCE AND 3) LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT SIMILAR PROBLEMS AT FUTURE CONFERENCES. THEY PROPOSED SOLUTIONS TO MANY OF THE CURRENT PROBLEMS AT THE FORUM AND CONFERENCE, ASKED THAT THE UN AFFIRM THE ROLE OF NGOS AS PART OF THE CONFERENCE AND EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO COME UP WITH A SET OF RULES, TO BE USED IN SELECTING FUTURE CONFERENCE SITES, THAT WOULD FACILITATE NGO'S PARTICIPATION. MEETING PARTICIPANTS AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN THE FUTURE TO REVIEW PROGRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. REPRESENTATIVES OF ACCREDITED HUMAN RIGHTS NGOS MET WITH UNDER SECRETARY TIM WIRTH AND UNDP DIRECTOR GENERAL GUS SPETH AND UNDP OFFICIALS JEAN JACQUES GRUSSE AND ARTHUR HOLMAN TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT WHAT THEY PERCEIVED TO BE INCREASING DISTANCE BETWEEN THE UN AND NGOS. THIS MEETING WAS AN EFFORT

ON THEIR PART TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE CONDITIONS FOR NGO PARTICIPANTS AT THE FORUM IN HUAIROU AND THE UN CONFERENCE AND TO SOLICIT UN COMMITMENT TO ENSURE THAT SIMILAR PROBLEMS FOR NGOS DO NO OCCUR AT FUTURE NGO FORUMS AND UN CONFERENCES. ACCORDING TO THE NGO REPRESENTATIVES, CURRENT PROBLEMS FALL INTO FOUR CATEGORIES: SURVEILLANCE, ACCESS TO EVENTS, FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION, AND LOGISTICS.

3. WHILE THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA HAD BEEN SOMEWHAT RESPONSIVE TO THEIR DEMANDS TO REDUCE SURVEILLANCE AND IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION, NGO REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED THAT MAJOR PROBLEMS STILL EXIST. SURVEILLANCE BY THE CHINESE OF DISABLED GROUPS, TIBETAN GROUPS AND LESBIAN GROUPS REMAINED PARTICULARLY HEAVY. IN ADDITION, CERTAIN GROUPS OF WOMEN FROM THIRD COUNTRIES WERE UNDER HEAVY SURVEILLANCE BY MEMBERS OF THEIR OWN COUNTRIES' GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND/OR SECURITY. IN ADDITION TO FINDING THIS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE, PARTICIPANTS VOICED CONCERN FOR THE WELL-BEING OF CHINESE AND THIRD-WORLD PARTICIPANTS ONCE THE CONFERENCE ENDED AND INQUIRED ABOUT THE UN'S LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO THESE WOMEN. UNDP REPS CLAIMED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE APPROXIMATELY 5000 CHINESE PARTICIPANTS SINCE THEY HAD ALL BEEN PREVIOUSLY SELECTED, TRAINED AND BRIEFED IN PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, THEY AGREED THAT THE ISSUE OF INTIMIDATION AND SURVEILLANCE OF THIRD COUNTRY WOMEN BY THEIR OWN GOVERNMENTS WAS MORE TROUBLESOME.

4. THE NGO REPS CITED SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF SURVEILLANCE AND INTIMIDATION AT THE FORUM SITE, CONFERENCE SITE AND HOTELS. ONE AMERICAN CITIZEN NGO REPRESENTATIVE WITNESSED A PHYSICAL ASSAULT ON TWO AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN TIBETAN WOMEN. IN OTHER CASES, SECURITY PERSONNEL INTIMIDATED PARTICIPANTS BY FILMING MEETINGS. THEY ALSO CONFISCATED ALL CHINESE LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS ON TIBET AND LESBIANISM. IN ADDITION, CHINESE SECURITY AT THE FORUM SEEMED TO BE DISCOURAGING CHINESE WOMEN FROM PARTICIPATING IN DISCUSSIONS ON SENSITIVE SUBJECTS. AFTER ONE PRESENTATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY OF HUMAN RIGHTS, SOME CHINESE WOMEN STAYED TO TALK WITH THE SPEAKER BUT AFTER 25 MINUTES APPEARED TO BE "ENCOURAGED" TO LEAVE BY A MAN WITH A B2 SECURITY BADGE. THE MAN FIRST MOTIONED THE WOMAN'S FRIEND AWAY FROM THE GROUP, AFTER WHICH THE FRIEND RETURNED TO THE GROUP AND SUGGESTED TO THE WOMAN THAT IT WAS "TIME TO GO TO LUNCH," ALTHOUGH IT WAS 3:00 P.M. THE NGO REPS ALSO COMPLAINED OF UNAUTHORIZED SEARCHES AND RAIDS OF NGO PARTICIPANTS' ROOMS, AND THE RESTRICTIONS ON HAVING GUESTS OR HOLDING MEETINGS IN THE ROOMS. JOURNALISTS HAD ALSO BEEN FORBIDDEN ENTRANCE TO HOTELS, DESPITE HAVING PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED ROOM BOOKINGS AND HOTEL APPROVAL TO HOLD

INTERVIEWS THERE.

5. THE NGO REPRESENTATIVES ALSO DEEMED SIGNIFICANT THE EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS, SUCH AS TONG ZENG, LEADER OF THE GROUP SEEKING COMPENSATION FOR CHINESE WWII "COMFORT WOMEN" AND UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 BEIJING 039713

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DING ZILIN. THE NGO REPS STATED THAT THE UN SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THESE THINGS WERE UNACCEPTABLE, AND THAT THIS PRECEDENT OF SURVEILLANCE AND INTIMIDATION ON THE CONFERENCE SITE, WHICH IS UN TERRITORY, WOULD NOT BE FOLLOWED IN THE FUTURE.

6. THE NGO REPS AND UN OFFICIALS DISAGREED OVER THE UN'S ROLE IN AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA OVER THE CONFERENCE AND FORUM SITE. SINCE THE IDENTIFICATION OF AN ACCEPTABLE NGO FORUM SITE WAS A PRECONDITION FOR HOSTING THE CONFERENCE, NGOS BELIEVED THAT THE UN HAD AN OBLIGATION TO GUARANTEE THE PROTECTION OF THE FORUM. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT A CLEARER SET OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE HOSTING OF THE NGO FORUM WAS NECESSARY FOR THE FUTURE AND THAT ATTENTION MUST BE GIVEN TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UN AND THE NGO COMMUNITY.

7. NGO REPRESENTATIVES GAVE MANY SUGGESTIONS FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE THE STILL ON-GOING FORUM AND FUTURE CONFERENCES. THESE INCLUDED:

-- THE ELIMINATION OR, AT LEAST, BETTER ALLOCATION OF PLENARY AND WORKING GROUP TICKETS (APPARENTLY SOME SEATS WERE EMPTY DESPITE NGO'S INTEREST IN ATTENDING);

-- CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION OF WORKING GROUPS;

-- ELIMINATION OF CHINESE SURVEILLANCE OF UN TERRITORY (E.G. CONFERENCE AND RECREATION CENTERS);

-- ELIMINATION OF CHINESE CONTROL OF ACCESS TO THE CONFERENCE AND RECREATION CENTERS;

-- REASSIGNMENT OF WORKING GROUPS TO BIGGER ROOMS SO MORE PEOPLE CAN PARTICIPATE;

-- CREATION OF A "GRIEVANCE" OR "FEEDBACK" PROCEDURE SO THAT NGO'S WOULD HAVE A MEANS OF COMMUNICATING PROBLEMS DIRECTLY TO UN;

-- BETTER NGO ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS;

-- BETTER TRANSLATION AT WORKSHOPS; AND

-- IMPROVED TREATMENT OF, AND ACCESS FOR, THE  
DISABLED PARTICIPANTS.

8. PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT BECAUSE THIS MEETING HAD  
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TO REVIEW PROGRESS ON THE ISSUES OUTLINED ABOVE.  
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**SUBJ:** WINNIE MANDELA IN THE NEWS

**TEXT:**

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E.O. 12356:

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SUBJECT: WINNIE MANDELA IN THE NEWS

1. SUMMARY: DURING THE PAST WEEK ESTRANGED FIRST LADY WINNIE MANDELA HAS FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN THE NEWS. A TELEVISED INTERVIEW FROM THE BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES HIGHLIGHTING HER MARITAL DIFFICULTIES HAVE ONCE AGAIN PLACED HER IN THE SPOTLIGHT. A RELATED FRONT PAGE NEWS STORY IS THE YEAR OLD RUMOR THAT PRESIDENT MANDELA WANTS TO MARRY FORMER MOZAMBICAN FIRST LADY GRACA MACHEL. END SUMMARY

2. NEVER FAR FROM THE LIMELIGHT, WINNIE MANDELA IS ONCE AGAIN IN THE PRESS AFTER BEING TEMPORARILY SIDELINED BY ILLNESS. HER MARITAL DIFFICULTIES, AND HER PARTICIPATION IN THE BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE HAVE GIVEN THE PRESS NEW GRIST FOR THE MILL. IN BEIJING, THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS INITIALLY FOCUSED ON THE STIR WINNIE CAUSED BY ARRIVING ONE AND A HALF

HOURS LATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONIES, BEING REFUSED ENTRY BY CHINESE OFFICIALS, AND EVENTUALLY DEPARTING WITHOUT RECEIVING ADMISSION -- OR AN EXPLANATION. THERE WAS ALSO CONFUSION OVER WHETHER SHE WAS ACCREDITED TO REPRESENT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT OR AN NGO AS PRESIDENT OF THE ANC WOMEN'S LEAGUE.

3; PRIME TIME TELEVISION ON SEPTEMBER 6 BROADCAST AN INTERVIEW WITH WINNIE IN CHINA. SHE COMMENTED ON A VARIETY OF ISSUES INCLUDING FOREIGN POLICY, THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, THE ANC WOMEN'S LEAGUE, AND IMPENDING REVELATIONS OF WRONGDOING BY ANC AND NP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. SOME EXAMPLES:

4. ON THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: WINNIE WAS CRITICAL OF THE CHINESE HOSTS OF THE CONFERENCE. SHE ATTRIBUTED HER EXCLUSION FROM THE OPENING SESSION TO THE FACT THAT THE CHINESE VIEW HER AS PRO-TAIWAN. THEN, ADDING INSULT TO INJURY, SHE ARGUED "I AM NOT PRO-ANYONE; TO ME BOTH COUNTRIES ARE THE SAME". MRS. MANDELA ALSO CRITICIZED THE LOCATION OF WOMEN REPRESENTING NGOS IN HAURIOU AND THE ABSENCE OF WOMEN REPRESENTING THE GRASS ROOTS FROM THE MAIN VENUE.

5. ON THE ANC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: THE PRESIDENT OF THE ANC WOMEN'S LEAGUE BLAMED DIVISIONS WITHIN THE LEAGUE ON CONTINUING THIRD FORCE ACTIVITIES. (IN FACT, A FORMER THIRD FORCE OPERATOR, PAUL ERASMUS, RECENTLY ADMITTED ON TELEVISION THAT WINNIE WAS THE TARGET OF A SMEAR CAMPAIGN BEFORE AND AFTER THE KILLING OF STOMPIE SEIPEI.) SHE DISMISSED AS FALSE RUMORS THAT THE LEAGUE IS "FINISHED" AND CALLED ON ALL SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN TO UNITE AGAINST CULTURAL AND POLITICAL EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE THEM.

6. ON THE GNU: UNBOWED, WINNIE REITERATED A STATEMENT WHICH PREVIOUSLY ELICITED REBUKE FROM HER HUSBAND, THAT "THE ANC IS IN GOVERNMENT BUT NOT IN POWER". SHE ALSO EXPRESSED STRONG RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION, ARGUING THAT IT WOULD ULTIMATELY BE A "FARCE" OPEN TO ABUSE BY THIRD FORCE OPERATIVES WHO WOULD DOCTOR STATEMENTS, AND MAKE FALSE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE ANC. HOWEVER, SHE THEN ATTACKED UNSPECIFIED PERSONS WITHIN THE ANC NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHO SOLD OUT THE STRUGGLE, AND ANC AND NP MEMBERS OF CABINET WHO BECAME INVOLVED IN THIRD FORCE ACTIVITIES. MRS. MANDELA PROMISED MORE REVELATIONS TO FOLLOW.

7. ON THE PERSONAL FRONT, THE PRESS IS HEADLINING SO FAR UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS BY PRESIDENT MANDELA'S LAWYERS TO SERVE DIVORCE PAPERS ON WINNIE, AND CLAIMS THAT THE PRESIDENT INTENDS TO MARRY FORMER MOZAMBIKAN FIRST LADY GRACA MACHEL. THE DIVORCE WOULD BE BASED ON AN IRRECONCILABLE BREAKDOWN OF THE MARRIAGE. WINNIE SUPPORTERS CLAIM THAT THE DIVORCE IS A POLITICAL ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE HER. SHE HAS SAID THAT HER HUSBAND CAN LIVE WITH WHOMEVER HE WANTS BUT

SHE WILL NOT GRANT HIM A DIVORCE... STAY TUNED.  
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1. FOLLOWING THE SEPTEMBER 5 MORNING PLENARY SESSION OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN IN BEIJING (4WCW) (REFTEL), AND THE SPECIAL-EVENT ADDRESS BY US FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, THE 4WCW PLENARY RESUMED.

2. GIVEN BELOW ARE THE MAIN POINTS CONTAINED IN THE REMARKS DELIVERED BY HEADS OF DELEGATIONS AT THE

AFTERNOON-EVENING PLENARY SESSION WHICH LASTED OVER SEVEN HOURS.

JORDAN: PRINCESS BASMA BINT TALAL

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-- ISLAMIC HERITAGE FORBADE THE KILLING OF THE GIRL CHILD, EMANCIPATED WOMEN, AND BLESSED THE ROLE OF THE MOTHER. JORDAN'S EDUCATIONAL ENROLLMENT IS ALMOST EQUAL FOR MALES AND FEMALES. HOWEVER, POVERTY AMONG WOMEN IS STILL A PROBLEM AND UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG WOMEN IS TWICE THAT AMONG MEN.

-- TO ADDRESS WOMEN'S PROBLEMS, THE JORDANIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR WOMEN WAS FORMED IN 1992 AS A POLICY FORUM, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE REGION.

NAMIBIA: NETUMBO NANDI-NDAITWAY,  
DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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-} NAMIBIA HAS WITNESSED THE FEMINIZATION OF POVERTY AND EXCLUSION. TOO FEW OF NAIROBI RECOMMENDATIONS THUS FAR ARE IMPLEMENTED. WE MUST THEREFORE QUESTION OUR TACTICS. GOVERNMENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN OF ACTION BUT PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIP ALSO IS REQUIRED.

BELGIUM: QUEEN FABIOLA

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-- THESE PROCEEDINGS MUST GIVE PRIORITY TO RURAL WOMEN. ADOPT FIVE STEPS TO ASSIST WOMEN: ACCESS TO EDUCATION, TRAINING TAILORED TO RURAL WOMEN'S NEEDS, EQUAL ACCESS TO LAND OWNERSHIP AND CREDIT, PROMOTE RURAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, AND GRANT RURAL WOMEN ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. STOP STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMS IF THEY ARE INEQUITABLE. ADDITIONAL ATTENTION MUST BE FOCUSED ON YOUNG WOMEN LURED INTO PROSTITUTION UNDER FALSE PRETENSES.

CHINA: MADAME PENG PEIYUN,  
STATE COUNCILOR AND CHAIRPERSON OF CHINA ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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-- CHINA WILL ENSURE WOMEN'S FULL PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT, VIGOROUSLY DEVELOP WOMEN'S EDUCATION, IMPROVE WOMEN'S HEALTH, TAKE CONCRETE STEPS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF WOMEN, FURTHER INCREASE THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS, AND FURTHER IMPROVE WOMEN'S INSTITUTIONS.

KOREA: MRS. SOHN MYONG-SOON,  
FIRST LADY OF THE REPUBLIC

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-- WITHOUT GENDER EQUALITY THERE WILL BE NO FUTURE.

THE KOREAN-UNESCO SEOUL DECLARATION ON SEXUAL  
VIOLENCE WAS PRESENTED TO THIS CONFERENCE.

ICELAND: DESIGNATED SPEAKER FOR HALLDOR ASGRIMSSON,  
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MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
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-- ICELAND ACCEPTS THE LEGALITY OF AFFIRMATIVE  
ACTION MEASURES. THE GOVERNMENT ACTIVELY PROMOTES  
GENDER EQUALITY WHICH HAS NOT BEEN ACHIEVED DESPITE  
NUMEROUS LEGAL PROTECTIONS AND ENCOURAGEMENTS.  
EDUCATION IS A KEY TO EQUALITY. EQUAL RIGHTS  
LEGISLATION IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF EQUALITY BUT A  
RECOGNITION OF INEQUALITY. ICELAND PROMOTES  
TOLERANCE FOR DIFFERENCES BUT NOT ACCEPTANCE OF  
VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH ARE NOT A GOAL OR A  
PRIVILEGE BUT A BIRTHRIGHT.

ECUADOR: SENORA JOSEFINA DE DURAN BALLEEN,  
FIRST LADY OF THE REPUBLIC  
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-- ALL PEOPLE, NOT JUST WOMEN, ARE EFFECTED BY 4WCW  
ISSUES. POOR COUNTRIES CANNOT BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT. THE TERMS OF EXCHANGE  
INCREASINGLY ARE UNFAIR. THE BEST EMPOWERMENT FOR  
WOMEN IS TO MAKE THEM ECONOMICALLY WELL OFF.  
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN INCREASES DESPITE  
INTERNATIONAL DECLARATIONS. STIFFER PENALTIES ARE  
THEREFORE REQUIRED.

INDIA: MR. MADHAVRAO SCINDIA,  
MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
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-- MINISTER SCINDIA RESPONDED TO THE INDIAN  
DELEGATION'S STATEMENT YESTERDAY BY SAYING THAT IT  
PAINS HIM TO SEE THAT THIS OCCASION WAS USED  
YESTERDAY TO POLITICIZE ISSUES AND MAKE UNFOUNDED  
ALLEGATIONS. HE SAID HE WANTED TO SET THE RECORD  
STRAIGHT. AN INTEGRAL PART OF INDIA, JAMMU AND  
KASHMIR HAS BEEN THE TARGET OF TERRORISM, SPONSORED  
AND SUSTAINED FROM ACROSS THE BORDERS. THESE  
TERRORISTS HAVE USED THE MOST BRUTAL METHODS FOR  
SUBJUGATING THE INNOCENT CIVILIAN POPULATION,  
INCLUDING RAPE, HOSTAGE-TAKING, AND MURDER. HE URGED  
THIS GATHERING NOT JUST TO ADDRESS THIS NEW AND  
EMERGING FORM OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, BUT ALSO TO  
CONDEMN AND EVOLVE MEASURES TO COMBAT AND ELIMINATE  
TERRORISM.

THAILAND: MR. PRASAP BOONPONG,

HEAD OF DELEGATION, MINISTER TO PRIME MINISTER'S  
OFFICE

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-- WOMEN HAVE NOT BENEFITTED EQUALLY FROM THAILAND'S  
ECONOMIC GROWTH, YET THERE IS WILL TO TACKLE THE  
INEQUITIES. THE THAI GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO  
IMPLEMENT THE 4WCW PLATFORM FOR ACTION AND WILL DRAW  
UP A DETAILED PLAN OF ACTION TO PUT IT INTO EFFECT.

TANZANIA: ZAKIA MEGHJI,  
MINISTER FOR HEALTH

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-- WHILE THE NUMBER OF GIRLS ENROLLED IS UP, THE  
QUALITY OF EDUCATION IS DOWN DUE TO ECONOMIC  
DECLINE. SHE CALLED ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY  
AND NGO'S TO MAKE ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES  
AVAILABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLATFORM OF  
ACTION.

SENEGAL: MADAME AMINATA MBENGUE,  
MINISTER OF WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND FAMILY

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-- THE WORLD MUST MAKE THE BEST USE OF ITS HUMAN  
CAPITAL TO ACHIEVE GLOBAL SUSTAINED DEVELOPMENT. THE  
CAUSE OF ADVANCING WOMEN MUST NOT BE CONFUSED WITH  
REDUCTIONIST FEMINIST MILITANCY. WORDS CANNOT CURE  
ILLNESS, DECLARATIONS CANNOT HELP WOMEN. WE NEED  
ACTION, LOTS OF ACTION.

GHANA: MRS. NANA KONADU AGYEMAN-RAWLINGS,  
FIRST LADY OF THE REPUBLIC

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-- DESPITE PROGRESS, THE PLIGHT OF WOMEN REMAINS A  
TRAGEDY. RAW STATISTICS ARE STARK, BLEAK, AND  
PAINFUL. WOMEN REMAIN THE MOST DEPRIVED, MOST  
DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, AND LEAST POWERFUL IN EACH  
SOCIETY. UNLESS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EARN FAIRER  
PRICES FOR E\_PORTS, GAIN EASIER ACCESS TO DEVELOPED  
MARKETS, AND RECEIVE SOME RELIEF FROM INDEBTEDNESS,  
ALL THE MEASURES WE TAKE TO IMPROVE WOMEN'S WELFARE  
WILL ACHIEVE ONLY LIMITED SUCCESS. BARRIERS TO  
WOMEN'S PROGRESS INCLUDE DEEP SEATED PREJUDICE AND  
LONG STANDING PRACTICE. ONLY WHERE THERE IS STRONG,  
HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL COMMITMENT AND INVOLVEMENT IS  
REAL PROGRESS POSSIBLE.

CHILE: SENORA JOSEFINA BILBAO,  
MINISTER FOR NATIONAL WOMEN'S AFFAIRS

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-- CHILE EMBRACES THE 4WCW GOALS OF EQUALITY,  
DEVELOPMENT, AND PEACE. APPEALS TO THE NUCLEAR POWERS  
TO ABIDE WITH THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY  
AND ITS PROHIBITION ON ARMS TESTING. POVERTY IS  
CHILE'S PARAMOUNT CONCERN. EDUCATION IS ALSO A  
CONCERN. RECOGNIZES THE CO-EXISTENCE OF DIFFERENT  
VALUES AND CULTURES, WHICH WARRANTS A VIGOROUS SEARCH  
FOR GROUNDS FOR AGREEMENT, WITHOUT ABRIDGMENT OF  
FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN FREEDOMS IN THE QUEST FOR  
COMPROMISE.

PORTUGAL: MRS. FERREIRA LEITE,  
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION  
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-- WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS. THROUGH ITS  
DISCRIMINATION AND INJUSTICE AGAINST WOMEN, MANKIND  
IS WASTING AN IMMENSE RESOURCE. PORTUGAL GUARANTEES  
A WOMAN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS. THE CONFERENCE OWES  
SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE NGO'S, THEIR CONTRIBUTION  
AND THEIR COMMITMENT.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION: HIROSHI NAKAJIMA,  
DIRECTOR GENERAL  
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-- WHO RECOMMENDS THAT THE CONFERENCE ENDORSE THE  
CONCEPT OF HEALTH SECURITY AND HELP FIND MEANS TO  
PROVIDE AND SUSTAIN HEALTH SECURITY.

UNITED KINGDOM: BARONESS CHALLCER OF WALLASEY,  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH  
AFFAIRS, MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT .  
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-- GOVERNMENTS MUST ENDORSE PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS  
SUCH AS THE CAIRO POPULATION CONFERENCE. THESE  
CANNOT BE RENEGOTIATED NOW. BY FAR THE BEST WAY TO  
PROMOTE THESE RIGHTS IS FOR EACH AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL  
COUNTRY, INCLUDING OUR DISTINGUISHED HOSTS, TO RATIFY  
AND IMPLEMENT ALL THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTIONS,  
PARTICULARLY THE ONES RELATING TO WOMEN AND  
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CHILDREN. THE UK WILL GIVE ADDITIONAL REVIEW TO  
MAINSTREAMING A GENDER PERSPECTIVE INTO ALL  
GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMS.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA: GWENDOLYA TONGE,  
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY  
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-- ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA HAVE RATIFIED THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION, PUNISHMENT, AND ERADICATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN. IMPLEMENTING DOMESTIC LEGISLATION ON THIS CONVENTION IS UNDERWAY. WILL SEEK TO LEAD THE CARIBBEAN SUB-REGION IN ADVANCING WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT.

TUNISIA: MADAME NAZIHA ZARROUK,  
MINISTER DELEGATE TO THE PRIME MINISTER FOR WOMEN AND  
FAMILY AFFAIRS

-- TUNISIA IS UNIQUE IN THE ARAB WORLD FOR HAVING RECONCILED MODERNIZATION WHILE SAFEGUARDING THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE ARAB-ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION TO WHICH TUNISIA BELONGS.

HOLY SEE: PROFESSOR MARY ANN GLENDON

-- IF EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY ARE CONSIDERED THE PRIMARY GOALS OF SOCIETY, THEN THE VALVES OF MOTHERHOOD WILL BE PENALIZED. POPE JOHN PAUL II HAS COMMITTED THE OVER 300 THOUSAND SOCIAL, CARING AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TO A CONCERTED AND PRIORITY STRATEGY DIRECTED TO GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN, AND ESPECIALLY THE POOREST. THERE IS CLEAR CONSENSUS WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT ABORTION SHOULD NOT BE PROMOTED AS A MEANS OF FAMILY PLANNING AND THAT ALL EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO ELIMINATE THESE FACTORS WHICH LEAD WOMEN TO SEEK ABORTIONS. REGARDING ABORTIONS, THERE ARE OCCASIONS WHEN GUILT NEEDS TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO MEN AND TO THE COMPLICITY OF THE GENERAL SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT. ALL WHO ARE GENUINELY COMMITTED TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN CAN AND MUST OFFER A WOMAN OR A GIRL WHO IS PREGNANT, FRIGHTENED, AND ALONE, A BETTER ALTERNATIVE THAN THE DESTRUCTION OF HER OWN UNBORN CHILD.

UNHCR: GERALD WALZER,  
DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER

-- REFUGEE HAS NO GENDER YET THE VAST MAJORITY OF REFUGEE POPULATION IS FEMALE. UNHCR HAS PUBLICLY CONDEMNED THE USE OF DELIBERATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AS A TOOL OF WAR. IN THIS CONTEXT, UNHCR WELCOMES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNALS TO PUNISH THE PERPETRATORS. NGO'S ARE NOT ONLY THE STRONGEST ADVOCATES OF REFUGEE WOMEN, BUT ALSO UNHCR'S MOST VALUABLE PARTNERS.

BENIN: MADAME ROSINE SOGIO,  
FIRST LADY OF THE REPUBLIC

-- THE SITUATION FOR WOMEN IS BLEAK. OBJECTIVES ABOUND WHILE THE SITUATION IS TOO OFTEN IMPEDED BY

SOCIAL TABOOS AND CUSTOMS, SUCH AS FORCED MARRIAGE.  
WOMEN CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT SUCH CONDITIONS AND MUST  
SAY NO TO DISCRIMINATION.

FAO: JACQUES DIOUF,  
DIRECTOR GENERAL  
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-- FAO HAS RECENTLY UNDERTAKEN TWO INITIATIVES FOR  
RURAL WOMEN: PROMOTING AWARENESS, AND REVISING FAO'S  
OWN PLAN OF ACTION FOR WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT.

UNICEF: CAROL BELLAMY,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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-- BELLAMY URGED GOVERNMENTS TO RATIFY THE  
CONVENTIONS ON RIGHTS OF THE CHILD AND ON ELIMINATION

OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN. IT IS  
INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT A WORLD WHICH IS ABLE TO SPEND  
APPROXIMATELY USD 800 BILLION A YEAR ON WEAPONS  
BELIEVES IT CANNOT FIND THE MONEY NEEDED FOR BASIC  
EDUCATION. AN EXTRA USD 5 OR 6 BILLION IS NEEDED  
ANNUALLY TO ACHIEVE PRIMARY EDUCATION FOR ALL. IT  
MUST BE FOUND. THE UN CAN DO MORE. BY 2000, UNICEF  
WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE ITS RESOURCES FOR BASIC  
EDUCATION, WITH PRIORITY TO GIRL'S EDUCATION.

UN POPULATION FUND: NAFIS SADIK,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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-- REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS IS THE STARTING  
POINT FOR EMPOWERMENT AND AUTONOMY. WE MUST BE CLEAR  
IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR ANYONE TO IGNORE OR DOWNPLAY  
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS. NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT  
TO IMPOSE REPRODUCTIVE DECISIONS ON THEM.  
REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS, NEITHER  
NEO-COLONIALIST NOR UNETHICAL. PEOPLE MUST NOT BEND  
UNDER SPURIOUS ARGUMENTS INVOKING CULTURE OR  
TRADITIONAL VALUES. HALLFORD  
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A. BROADCAST MEDIA

BOTH BRITISH RADIO AND TELEVISION NEWS LED WITH STORIES ABOUT THE RIOTING IN TAHITI IN RESPONSE TO FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING.

THE SENATE'S ETHICS COMMITTEE DECISION TO RECOMMEND SENATOR PACKWOOD'S EXPULSION FROM THE SENATE WAS ALSO REPORTED. THE SENATOR'S RESPONSE TO THE DECISION WAS BROADCAST ALONG WITH THE COMMENT THAT IF SENATOR PACKWOOD WOULD BE EXPELLED IT WOULD BE THE FIRST SUCH EXPULSION SINCE THE 1860'S.

B. TODAY'S MAJOR NEWS STORIES

- 1.UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, BEIJING
- 2.NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS
- 3.BOSNIA

C. SUMMARY

- 1.UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN BEIJING

THE FIRST LADY'S SPEECH TO THE NGO DELEGATES IS COMMENTED ON, BUT THE PRINCIPLE FOCUS OF MUCH OF THE REPORTING WAS THE LIMITATION OF THE SIZE OF THE AUDIENCE AND THE USE OF THE CONFERENCE BY THE CHINESE FOR INTERNAL PROPAGANDA. AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT'S COMMENTS ARE NOTED.

THE FIRST LADY IS CRITICIZED BY THE CONSERVATIVE PRESS FOR HER PARTICIPATION AND SOFTENING HER SPEECH TO THE NGO'S IN COMPARISON TO HER SPEECH TO THE MAIN CONFERENCE.

- 2.NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS

MOST PAPERS DO NOT SEE THE CANCELING OF THE ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT AS DEVASTATING TO THE PEACE PROCESS. THE CONTINUED CESSATION OF VIOLENCE IS CONSIDERED MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN EITHER A SET BACK IN THE TALKS OR THE DECOMMISSIONING OF ARMS.

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY MAIL SEES A CRISIS IN THE TALKS, BUT THIS IS NOT THE COMMON POSITION AMONG THE EDITORIALS.

- 3.BOSNIA

THERE IS CAUTIONS CRITICISM OF WHAT IS CALLED THE "AMERICANIZING" OF THE WAR IN THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN, BUT

MOST COMMENTS FOCUS ON THE REACTION OF THE BOSNIAN SERBS

TO THE BOMBING CAMPAIGN.

D. TEXT

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1.UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, BEIJING

"FORGET THE MARINES, SEND HILLARY"

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH SAID IN AN EDITORIAL:

"OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, THE FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES HAS ACQUIRED AN ENVIABLE NOTORIETY. THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN WORLD, HER SAVING GRACE HAS BEEN THE SENSE OF RELIEF SHE GIVES MEN THAT THEY ARE MARRIED TO SOMEONE ELSE.

"BUT NOW, AT LAST, SHE HAS DONE SOMETHING RIGHT. IN DEFIANCE OF DIPLOMATIC CONVENTION...SHE DELIVERED A FEROCIOUS SPEECH DENOUNCING THE CHINESE RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS. ... AT A STROKE, SHE ACHIEVED HEROIC STATUS. ANY PROSPECT OF BEIJING'S GAINING THE KUDOS TO WHICH IT ASPIRED FROM THE HOSTING THE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN SET AT NAUGHT.

"MORE THAN THIS, MRS. CLINTON'S PERFORMANCE OPENS UP A NEW VISION FOR AMERICAN DIPLOMACY. ...THE DEPLOYMENT OF AIR POWER AND THE U.S. MARINE CORPS HAS PROVED OF LIMITED EFFICACY. BUT NOW PERHAPS, THE U.S. HAS STUMBLER UPON A MUCH DEADLIER AND CHEAPER WEAPON: A VISIT FROM HILLARY CLINTON."

"CHINA GUYS THE DOLLS"

THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES COLUMNIST SIMON JENKINS COMMENTED THAT:

"WHEN MRS. CLINTON DELIVERED HER ANTI-PEKING DIATRIBE, TO

RESCUE HER REPUTATION IN WASHINGTON, THEY SHUT HALF THE AUDIENCE OUT IN A DOWNPOUR.

"THE CYNICISM OF THOSE PROTESTING AT THIS BEGGARS BELIEF. HOW COUNTER PRODUCTIVE, THEY CRY. DO THE CHINESE NOT REALIZE HOW BADLY THEY LOOK IN THE EYES OF THE WEST? THE AMERICAN DELEGATE, MADELINE ALBRIGHT, SAID SHE WAS "WORRIED THAT AFTER THIS WEEK THE PERCEPTIONS OF THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE DISTORTED". I AM SURE THE CHINESE HARD MAN, LI PENG, AND HIS POLITBURO COULD NOT CARE LESS. THIS CONFERENCE IS INTENDED FOR THE MAN IN THE STREET IN CHUNGKING AND CANTON. THERE IT WILL BE A SUCCESS BECAUSE LI PENG SAYS SO, PERIOD. HE COULD NOT GIVE A DAMN HOW IT RUNS IN THE WESTERN MEDIA.

"A CONFERENCE MAY BE USEFUL, DIFFICULT, FRAUGHT, EVEN A FAILURE. BUT NOBODY QUESTIONS WHETHER IT SHOULD BE HELD. IT MAY INVOLVE KOWTOWING TO DICTATORS ...BUT NOBODY MUST DOUBT THE GREAT GOD CONFERENCE. HENCE THE DESPERATE SEARCH FOR TANGENTIAL VALIDITY, SUCH AS HILARY CLINTON USING THE OCCASION TO "SEND A MESSAGE TO THE RULERS IN PEKING".

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"THE ONE BENEFICIARY WILL BE THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. IT WISHED TO SHOW ITS PEOPLE THAT CHINA WAS ONCE AGAIN A GREAT WORLD NATION. WHAT BETTER WAY THAN TO INVITE THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS WOMEN TO THE CAPITAL AND PICTURE HILLARY CLINTON CLANKING DESIGNER JEWELLERY WITH LEIA BOUTROS GHALI, BOTH IN DAZZLING PINK SUITS, WHILE JANE

FONDA, SALLY FIELD AND WINNIE MANDELA LOOK ON ADMIRINGLY? THE CHINESE PEOPLE ARE ONLY READING OF THE U.N.'S PRAISE FOR CHINA, ITS FREEDOM AND EFFICIENT ORGANIZATION."

"SINGING IN THE RAIN FOR HILLARY"

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN REPORTED THAT:

"MRS. CLINTON, IN A SURPRISING LONG BEIGE DRESS, GAVE A WATERED-DOWN VERSION OF HER SPEECH ON TUESDAY, CONCENTRATING ON FAMILIAR THEMES OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAMILY VALUES. SHE SEEMED TO HAVE LOST MOMENTUM OVERNIGHT AND THE ONLY REAL APPLAUSE SHE DREW WAS WHEN SHE SPOKE ABOUT THE DIFFICULTIES THE WOMEN HAD, AND CONTINUE TO HAVE, IN HUAIROU.

"NO ONE IN THIS TOWN, NEAR BEIJING, APPEARED TO HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HER STRONG PREVIOUS APPEARANCES, WITH NO ACCESS TO WESTERN NEWS PAPERS OR BROADCASTS FOR MORE THAN A WEEK."

"US ENVOY ATTACKS CHINA FOR CURBING FREEDOM OF SPEECH"

THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES REPORTED THAT:

"AMERICA MADE A FRESH ATTACK YESTERDAY ON CHINA'S HANDLING OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN.

"MADELINE ALBRIGHT, THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, SAID IT WAS "UNCONSCIONABLE" THAT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION HAD BEEN CALLED INTO QUESTION IN THE PAST FEW DAYS IN PEKING. ...

"'LET US BE CLEAR,' MS. ALBRIGHT TOLD THE 3,000 DELEGATES. 'FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE N THE POLITICAL PROCESS OF OUR COUNTRIES IN THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF EVERY WOMAN AND MAN. DENY THAT RIGHT, AND YOU DENY EVERYTHING.'...

"TO THE POSSIBLE CHAGRIN OF HER CHINESE HOST, MS. ALBRIGHT QUOTED WHAT SHE SAID WAS ON OLD CHINESE POEM...'WE KEEP A DOG TO WATCH THE HOUSE. A PIG IS USEFUL, TOO; WE KEEP A CAT TO CATCH A MOUSE. BUT WHAT CAN WE DO WITH A GIRL LIKE YOU?'

"MS. ALBRIGHT THEN COMMENTED: 'LET US MAKE SURE THAT QUESTION NEVER NEEDS TO BE ASKED AGAIN IN CHINA, OR UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 07 LONDON 012472

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ANYWHERE ELSE AROUND THE WORLD.'

IN THE SAME ARTICLE, THE TIMES REPORTED THAT:

"BY YESTERDAY, MRS. CLINTON SEEMED TO HAVE EARNED THE  
SAME KIND OF NON-STATUS AS THE 25,000 DELEGATES. HER  
SPEECH TO THE FORMAL UN CONFERENCE WAS BLACKED OUT BY THE  
MEDIA. ...

"NEVERTHELESS, MRS. CLINTON WAS WARMLY APPLAUDED DURING  
HER ADDRESS AT THE NGO FORUM."

2.NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS

"PAUSE IN THE PEACE"

THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES EDITORIALIZED:

"A CANCELED SUMMIT BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND IRISH PRIME

MINISTERS IS NOT A 'CRISIS'. A MOMENT AT WHICH PARTNERS  
IN A NEGOTIATION FACE UP TO UNAVOIDABLE QUESTIONS WHICH  
HAVE BEEN FUDGED OR DODGED CAN TURN OUT TO BE PROGRESS  
EVEN IF AT FIRST SIGHT IT LOOKS LIKE A DISASTER.

"ANY REVELATION, HOWEVER, THAT THE IRA HAS NO INTENTION -  
- AND NEVER HAD ANY -- TO HAND OVER ITS ARMS AHEAD OF  
ALL-PARTY POLITICAL TALKS WOULD NOT MERELY BE A CRISIS:  
IT WOULD BE THE DEATH OF THE PEACE  
PROCESS. ...

"FOUR PARTIES MATTER IN THE PEACE PROCESS: THE BRITISH  
AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS, SINN FEIN/IRA AND NORTHERN  
IRELAND'S UNIONISTS. FUTURE TALKS MUST REST ON A  
FOUNDATION OF TRUST BETWEEN ALL FOUR. SOME PEOPLE IN THE  
UNITED KINGDOM MUST TRUST A DECLARATION BY THE IRA;  
UNIONISTS WILL NOT. THAT CALCULATION LIES BEHIND THE  
CONSISTENT BRITISH INSISTENCE THAT ARMS MUST START TO BE  
TRANSFERRED.

"BRITAIN IS NOT TRYING TO HUMILIATE THE IRA. ...

"THERE IS LITTLE EVIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN LONDON  
AND DUBLIN HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY UPSET BY THIS WEEKS'S  
FUSS. THE RELATIONSHIP WHICH MATTERS IS BETWEEN THE IRA  
AND THE UNIONISTS AND BOTH HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS  
MOMENT OF TRUTH. ...

"A COOLING-OFF PERIOD CAN DO LITTLE HARM AND OUGHT TO  
GIVE MR. BRUTON TIME TO UNDERLINE TO MR. ADAMS WHAT THE  
IRA'S MORE OBDURATE GUNMEN STAND TO RUIN. LOSS OF  
MOMENTUM IS BETTER THAN LOSS OF LIFE."

"STALLED, BUT NOT DOOMED"

THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT EDITORIALIZED THAT:  
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"THE CANCELLATION OF THE ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT THIS WEEK HAS  
RAISED AWFUL QUESTIONS IN MANY PEOPLE'S MINDS. IS THE  
NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS DOOMED? ...

"THE ANSWER IS NO. THE PEACE PROCESS IS STALLED, BUT IT  
IS STALLED AT A NON-LETHAL STAGE IN IRELAND'S RECENT  
HISTORY. ...

"FOR ALL THE RHETORIC AND EDITORIALIZING, ONE THING MUST  
BE BORNE IN MIND: THE ISSUE OF THE DECOMMISSIONING OF  
WEAPONS IS NOT, AS SOME ARE DESCRIBING IT, A "FUNDAMENTAL  
MATTER OF PRINCIPLE". TRUE, IT HAS HIGHLY SYMBOLIC VALUE  
FOR BOTH REPUBLICANS AND UNIONISTS, BUT THE REAL  
PRINCIPLE AT STAKE IS THE ACTUAL USE OF FORCE TO COERCE  
PEOPLE AGAINST THEIR WILL. IF SOME ARE PREPARED TO USE  
SUCH FORCE, THEY WILL ALWAYS BE ABLE TO GET THE WEAPONS."

"SINN FEIN'S RECORD OF OBDURACY"

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY MAIL EDITORIALIZED THAT:

"THE ULSTER PEACE PROCESS IS IN CRISIS. SINN FEIN IS,  
PREDICTABLY, BLAMING THE 'OBDURACY' OF THE BRITISH  
GOVERNMENT. SO, MORE DISTURBINGLY, ARE JOHN HUME, LEADER  
OF THE NATIONALIST SDLP AND JOHN BRUTON, THE IRISH PRIME  
MINISTER.

"THEY WOULD PRESUMABLY AGREE WITH SINN FEIN'S MARTIN  
MCGUINNESS, WHO COMPLAINS THAT NO CONCESSIONS HAVE COME  
FROM THE BRITISH TO MATCH THE 'COURAGEOUS AND  
IMAGINATIVE' CEASEFIRE DECLARED A YEAR AGO BY THE IRA.

"BEFORE THIS BECOMES THE RECEIVED WISDOM IN THE WHITE

HOUSE, ON CAPITAL HILL AND AMONG THE INFLUENTIAL IRISH AMERICAN COMMUNITIES OF NEW YORK AND BOSTON, LET THEM EXAMINE THE RECORD. ...

"IN TRUTH, SINCE THE CEASEFIRE, THE GIVE-AND-TAKE HAS BEEN ALL ONE WAY. THE GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN AND SINN FEIN/IRA HAS TAKEN...

"BUT THE LESSON OF HISTORY IS THAT APPEASING BULLIES ALWAYS ENDS IN TEARS."

### 3.BOSNIA

"AMERICANS EAGER TO BOMB AND TALK"

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN COMMENTED THAT:

"IT WAS RICHARD HOLBROOKE, AMERICA'S PEACE ENVOY FOR BOSNIA, WHO LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG. "THERE ARE MANY NEGOTIATIONS IN HISTORY IN WHICH FIGHTING CONTINUES WHILE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE." ...

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"THE AMERICANS, HE WAS SIGNALLING, HAVE NOT ONLY TAKEN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE UNITED NATIONS. THEY HAVE ALSO SUCCEEDED IN AMERICANIZING THE WAR...

"THE AMERICANIZATION OF THE WAR IS NOT AUTOMATICALLY BAD, NOR IS THE SWITCH FROM PEACE-KEEPING TO PEACE ENFORCEMENT.

"THE PROBLEM LIES IN THE DETAILS. ... IN THE AMERICAN

CASE, IT FITS A MODERN PRACTICE, DEVELOPED IN VIETNAM AND EXPANDED IN THE GULF WAR, OF OVER-KILL AND "UNDER-SUFFER" - HOW TO MAXIMIZE DESTRUCTION WHILE KEEPING ONE'S OWN CASUALTIES VIRTUALLY TO ZERO. ...

"EUROPEANS ARE RIGHT TO BE NERVOUS OF LETTING THE BOSNIAN CRISIS SLIP INTO THE HANDS OF PEOPLE WITH A TRIGGER-HAPPY TRADITION AND THEIR OWN AGENDA."

"THE BATTLE OF WILLS BEGINS AFTER WESTERN POWERS CALL MLADIC'S BLUFF"

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH COMMENTED THAT:

"FOR ONCE, THINGS ARE RELATIVELY STRAIGHTFORWARD IN BOSNIA. THE LATEST CRISIS HAS COME DOWN TO A SIMPLE, BUT EPIC, BATTLE OF WILLS.

"ON ONE SIDE ARE THE BIG POWERS, REPRESENTED BY NATO AND THE UN. ON THE OTHER HAND IS THE BRUTAL, YET COMPLEX GEN. RATKO MLADIC."

"RIFKIND DEFENDS UK STANCE"

THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES REPORTED THAT:

"MR. MALCOM RIFKIND, THE UK FOREIGN SECRETARY, YESTERDAY URGED A SKEPTICAL TURKISH AUDIENCE TO RESTRAIN ITS ENTHUSIASM FOR THE OPEN SUPPLY OF ARMS TO BOSNIA AND DEFENDED BRITAIN'S EFFORTS TO CONTAIN THE FIGHTING RATHER THAN BACK ONE SIDE.

"I CAN SEE WHY MANY URGE THE UN TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO

AND LEAVE," HE SAID IN ANKARA. "BUT..IF WE HAD BELIEVED THAT REMOVAL OF THE ARMS EMBARGO, AND INTENSIFICATION OF THE FIGHTING, COULD HAVE BROUGHT A JUST PEACE, WE WOULD HAVE FOLLOWED A DIFFERENT POLICY," HE TOLD HIS TURKISH HOSTS, WHO SUPPORT BOSNIA'S DEMAND FOR ARMS."

#### 4.PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

THE CONSERVATIVE TABLOID SUN REPORTS THAT THE TIMING OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S PROPOSED VISIT THE U.K. ON NOVEMBER UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 07 LONDON 012472

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((FBIS Transcribed Text)) Beijing, Sep 7, CANA -- The momentum developed at the international Grassroots Forum has transformed the ordered Chinese resort city of Huairou, 40 kilometres from here, into a teeming global village, and there's little sign it is tapering off. Dogged by controversy and confrontation with Chinese planning and state security officials, the NGO forum, which ends Friday, has been a vibrant city of kaleidoscopic colour and global cultural diversity.

About 30,000 women of the United Nations' 185 member countries, have been in Huairou, attending the forum which runs parallel to the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing -- a record gathering of and for women. Women and men, journalists, politicians, activists, and grassroots women have been talking to each other, savouring each other's culture and tuning their ears to a blend of languages, colour, dialect, and accents. Many have been immersing themselves in Chinese culture -- as much as the Chinese authorities will let them. The country's standard mode of transport -- the ubiquitous, utilitarian bicycle -- has been a favourite of many women. Music from Mongolia to Tibet wafted through the increasingly chilly autumn air. Chinese art, bric-a-bracs, food, and music have been snapped up by global shoppers at kiosks and official department stores in this state-controlled consumer economy. And for 100 Yuan, there is a trip to a section of the nearby legendary Great Wall of China.

But the women's access to the ordinary citizens of Huairou has been severely restricted. Curious city dwellers are escorted away by Chinese plainclothes policemen. Interaction with Chinese people has been kept to that with NGO members, officials, staff, accredited university students, and police. Bags are scanned by x-ray machines and people walk through metal detectors. But the swell of thousands of forum participants and visitors has set off a cacophony of alarm sounds as guards relax personal searches.

The diversity of the forum has been a peaceful but restless mix of contradictions and complexions, dissension, and consensus. In jeans and in national dress, the African woman entrepreneur, East Indian author, Jamaican teenager, Trinidadian lawyer, Filipino housewife, Brazilian textile worker, North American environmentalist, lesbian, student, educator, the disabled, the elderly, and indigenous person from around the world renew acquaintances or strike up conversations on the long ride to and from Beijing on rickety, aging buses.

Dressed in black, the women have protested against violence meted out to women, structural adjustment programmes, prostitution, and armed conflict. The Chinese, unused to dissent, have been faced with hundreds of determined women blocking side streets in their protests. They have maintained intense vigilance as plainclothes officers train camcorders on protesters and placards. The issues at the forum have ranged from micro-credit to poor rural women, to getting more women in politics, to the effect of economic structures on women.

The small Caribbean contingent have been actively attending and speaking at workshops and seminars. Their space to display their nations and their works have been a small corner of the Latin

American tent and more often than not, the English-speaking Caribbean has asserted that the "Latinas" have been pushing them to the periphery and dominating meetings and activities. One Caribbean Community (Caricom) NGO member verbally feared for the future of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), given the "Latinas'" aggressive nature.

People of Caribbean origin have been meeting their sisters and reaffirming their identity. Danes from Trinidad, Jamaicans from America, and East Indian Trinidadians now living in Canada have popped into the Caribbean tent at Huairou. When it comes to the issues, the complexity and humanity of women from around the planet have surfaced in paradoxical snapshots: Muslim women in all-concealing hijab traditional dress who nevertheless advocate women's development; feminists pushing for gender balance who fight with the inner irritation of the so-called "soft man"; and the lone man in a meeting of women who rejoices in "the woman in him" when only the women are addressed.

The September rains have turned the grounds of the hastily-built tent communities into brown slush; yet the spirits of thousands of women have not dampened. Above all, they have met new friends, learned, listened, and looked at the world through women's eyes.

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