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1. SUMMARY. UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS TIM WIRTH WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE BILATERAL COOPERATION ON WOMEN'S ISSUES IN A MEETING WITH THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATION TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING. THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATION HEAD STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RECENT NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE TWO SIDES COULD EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES ONCE THE CONFERENCE'S PLATFORM OF ACTION MOVES TO THE IMPLEMENTATION PHASE. END SUMMARY.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 11, UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS TIM WIRTH MET ON THE MARGINS OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN WITH THE HEAD OF THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATION, MRS. TRUONG MY HOA, PRESIDENT OF THE VIETNAMESE WOMEN'S FEDERATION, AND MEMBER OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST PARTY. MRS. TRUONG TOLD UNDERSECRETARY WIRTH THAT VIETNAM HAD SENT A DELEGATION OF 146 PEOPLE TO THE NGO FORUM. SHE SAID

THIS HAS THE LARGEST DELEGATION VIETNAM HAD EVER SENT ABROAD. SHE OBSERVED THAT THE DELEGATION HAD HOSTED A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE WELL ATTENDED, PRIMARILY BY ASIAN COUNTRIES SUCH AS INDONESIA, CAMBODIA, AND INDIA. SHE TOLD WIRTH THAT A VISIT BY THE US DELEGATION WOULD HAVE BEEN NORMAL GIVEN THE RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

PRAISE FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS

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3. MRS. TRUONG STATED HER CONVICTION THAT THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WAS OF BENEFIT TO THE PEOPLES OF BOTH COUNTRIES, AND EXPRESSED HER WISH THAT RELATIONS WOULD CONTINUE TO STEADILY DEVELOP, CITING THE HOPE CREATED IN THE WAKE OF THE RECENT VISIT BY SECRETARY OF STATE CHRISTOPHER TO VIETNAM. SHE ALSO CITED THE RECENT VISIT OF FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TWO COUNTRIES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND INCREASE CONTACTS TO FURTHER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. AT THIS CONFERENCE SHE SAID THAT PARTICIPANTS HAD CONGRATULATED HER DELEGATION FOR THREE RECENT MAJOR SUCCESSES: THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF RENEWAL AND REFORM, THE RENEWAL OF RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND THE SUCCESS OF VIETNAM'S FOREIGN POLICY AND ITS ENTRY IN THE ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN).

4. UNDERSECRETARY WIRTH WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND TALK WITH THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATION. HE CITED HIS LONG CAREER IN POLITICS, WHICH BEGAN IN THE MIDST OF HOSTILITIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT AT THIS CONFERENCE ON WOMEN THE TWO COUNTRIES COULD NOW WORK TOGETHER TO SEE THE GATHERING SUCCEED. HE EXPRESSED HIS OPTIMISM THAT THE FEW REMAINING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DELEGATIONS COULD BE RESOLVED OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. MRS. TRUONG INDICATED THAT SHE SHARED AN OPTIMISTIC VIEW ON THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE. WITH THE WISDOM OF THE ENTIRE WORLD COMMUNITY, VIETNAM BELIEVED THAT THE CONFERENCE DOCUMENT COULD BE COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY. SHE NOTED THAT EACH OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, VIENNA, CAIRO, COPENHAGEN, AND NOW BEIJING, BUILT ON THE SUCCESS OF THE PREVIOUS GATHERINGS. SHE SAID THAT WITH MILLIONS OF WOMEN WATCHING THE PROCEEDINGS IN BEIJING, IF THE CONFERENCE WERE TO FAIL THE DELEGATIONS WOULD NOT HAVE LIVED UP TO THE EXPECTATIONS OF HALF THE PLANET'S INHABITANTS.

5. MRS. TRUONG EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WITH US-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS PROGRESSIVELY DEVELOPING, THERE WOULD BE OPPORTUNITIES TO COOPERATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLATFORM OF ACTION. SHE ASKED MR. WIRTH TO PROVIDE HER WITH THE NAMES OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR

IMPLEMENTING THE PLATFORM, SO THAT IN THE FUTURE THE TWO SIDES COULD EXCHANGE VIEWS AND LEARN FROM EACH OTHER'S EXPERIENCE. UNDERSECRETARY WIRTH PLEDGED TO PROMOTE SUCH AN EXCHANGE, EXPRESSING HIS VIEW THAT THIS COULD BE VIEWED AS THE NEXT STEP FORNARD IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS. MRS. TRUONG
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THANKED HIM FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. HALLFORD
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1. THE FOLLOWING ARE SUMMARIES OF THE REMARKS DELIVERED BY DELEGATES AT THE 8 SEPTEMBER EVENING PLENARY OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN (4CWC) IN BEIJING, CHINA.

2. BHUTAN: HRH SONAM CHODRON WANGCHUCK, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

THE WOMEN OF BHUTAN ENJOY POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EQUALITY WITH THEIR MALE COUNTERPARTS. STRICTLY ENFORCED LAWS ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO STIGMA ATTACHED TO DIVORCED OR WIDOWED WOMEN. IN RECENT ELECTIONS, WOMEN WERE ELECTED TO 70 PERCENT OF THE DISTRICT AND BLOCK COMMITTEES THAT CONSTITUTE THE BACKBONE OF BHUTANESE DEMOCRACY. THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, CREATED IN 1981, HAS SPEARHEADED EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH, JOB TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. A MEMBER OF THE NON-ALLIGNED (NATIONS') MOVEMENT, BHUTAN DEPLORES ALL FORMS OF WAR, AND URGES THE WORLD'S DEVELOPED NATIONS TO REDUCE DEFENSE EXPENDITURES AND INCREASE AID TO DEVELOPING NATIONS. UNCLASSIFIED

3. LIBYA: MS. NURA RAMADAN ABUSANFRITA, SECRETARY OF

WOMEN'S AFFAIRS FOR THE PEOPLE'S CONGRESS.

AFTER GENEROUSLY PRAISING CHINA FOR HOSTING THE CONFERENCE, THE LIBYAN DELEGATE CONDEMNED "CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS" RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRADE EMBARGO DIRECTED AGAINST LIBYA. SHE DEFINED THE EMBARGO AS AN "ECONOMIC WEAPON" USED TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF AN INDEPENDENT STATE. IN THE 26 YEARS SINCE GENERAL KHADAFFI CAME TO POWER, LIBYA HAS BEEN A "HAPPY" SOCIETY WITH NO CLASS OR GENDER DISTINCTIONS. THE LAWS, BASED ON THE TENETS OF ISLAM AND GENERAL KHADAFFI'S "GREEN BOOK", RECOGNIZE AND CODIFY THE SPECIAL STATUS OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY. THE GREEN BOOK ALSO CONTAINS A "BIOLOGICAL CONSTITUTION" WHICH OUTLINES THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY AND ENCOURAGES THEM TO OPPOSE ALL BEHAVIORS WHICH GO AGAINST THE NORMS OF NATURE. THE DELEGATE ENDED HER SPEECH BY DESCRIBING THE SUFFERING OF LIBYA'S WOMEN DUE TO THE EMBARGO AND CALLED FOR ITS END.

4. GUINEA-BISSAU: MR. BOUBACAR TOURE, UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADOR.

IN THE COUNTRY'S FIRST MULTI-PARTY ELECTIONS, 10 PERCENT OF THE DELEGATES CHOSEN WERE WOMEN. TWO CABINET MINISTERS AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ARE ALSO WOMEN. EDUCATION AND HEALTH ARE THE TWO MOST SERIOUS PROBLEMS FACING THE COUNTRY'S WOMEN. SEVENTY SIX PERCENT OF THEM ARE ILLITERATE AND THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE IS 246 DEATHS FOR EVERY 1000 BIRTHS. IN 1990, THE MINISTRY FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND WOMEN WAS ESTABLISHED TO ADDRESS EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN ESPECIALLY IN RURAL AREAS. IN CONCLUSION, AMBASSADOR TOURE CALLED FOR PEACE IN AFRICA AND AN INCREASE IN AID TO DEVELOPING NATIONS.

5. NETHERLAND ANTILLES: MS EDITH S. MASERA, MINISTER FOR SOCIAL WELFARE.

AFTER WORLD WAR TWO, POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN INCREASED DUE TO THE ADVENT OF THE TOURIST INDUSTRY. THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN. THE MAY 1995 ELECTION RESULTED IN THE SELECTION OF WOMEN TO 10 PERCENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SEATS. MS MASERA ACKNOWLEDGED DRUG TRAFFICKING, ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND NATURAL DISASTERS (SUCH AS HURRICANE LUIS) AS PROBLEMS,
BUT EMPHASIZED HER COUNTRYS
DETERMINATION TO PERSEVERE.
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6. INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION: MS INGAR BRUGGEMAN, PRESIDENT.

FOUNDED IN 1952, THE FEDERATION HAS GROWN INTO 104 NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATIONS. THE PRESIDENT VOWED TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE AGAINST UNSAFE ABORTIONS BY URGING THE AVAILABILITY OF ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION AND SERVICES NEEDED TO AVOID UNWANTED PREGNANCIES. THE

FOCUS OF "VISION 2000", THE GROUP'S STRATEGIC PLAN, IS TO PROMOTE AND MONITOR GENDER EQUALITY AT ALL LEVELS AND TO PROVIDE AN ETHICAL FRAMEWORK FOR FAMILY PLANNING AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH. IN ADDITION, THE PLAN WILL TARGET YOUNG PEOPLE FOR EDUCATION TO PREVENT UNSAFE OR UNHEALTHY PRACTICES WHICH MAY LEAD TO HIV/AIDS. A "CHARTER ON
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REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL RIGHTS" CURRENTLY IN DEVELOPMENT, WILL EMPHASIZE THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN, TO PRIVACY, DIGNITY AND CONFFIDENTIALITY.

7. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN: MS SARAH E. MOTEN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT, NCNW.

MS MOTEN POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH MUCH PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS OF WOMEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, THERE IS STILL MUCH TO BE ACCOMPLISHED. SHE LAUDED THE "PLATFORM FOR ACTION" STILL BEING FORMULATED AT THE CONFERENCE, AND ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION BY U.S. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON OF AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLATFORM.RESOLUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.

8. COMMENT. TREE ARE TWO SPEECHES THAT WARRANT COMMENT. THE LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE'S LAVISH PRAISE OF CHINA AND DENOUNCEMENT OF THE EMBARGO WAS, IN ALL PROBABILITY, A VEILED ATTACK ON THE WEST PARTICULARLY THE UNITED STATES. THE LARGE LIBYAN CONTINGENT APPLAUDED LOUDLY AND LOOKED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE U.S. DELEGATE DURING THE ENTIRE SPEECH. SECONDLY, THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD WAS PARTICULARLY SELECTIVE IN THE USE OF LANGUAGE IN HER SPEECH. WITH HER EMPHASIS ON EDUCATION, HUMAN RIGHTS, MINIMIZING ABORTIONS AND PREVENTION OF DISEASE, SHE MANAGED TO AVOID DIRECT REFERENCES TO THE POLITICS OF REPRODUCTION; ONE OF THE CONTENTIOUS ISSUES OF THIS CONFERENCE. HALLFORD
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1. SUMMARY:

-- SUDAN: DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUDAN AGAINST THE REGIME (ALL PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS)

-- PEACE PROCESS: PRESIDENT MUBARAK'S MEETING WITH PLO CHAIRMAN ARAFAT, U.S. CONDEMNATION OF SETTLERS ATTACKS ON PALESTINIAN CITIZENS AND OF LIBYA'S EXPULSION OF PALESTINIANS (ALL PAPERS). JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER TO MEET MUBARAK ON SEPTEMBER 14 IN A TOUR OF THE MIDDLE EAST TO REINFORCE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COOPERATION (ALL PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS). U.S. OPPOSES AN ARAB ISLAMIC CONFERENCE ON JERUSALEM SCHEDULED BY OIC AND ARAB LEAGUE IN OCTOBER IN WASHINGTON, DESCRIBED AS "NEW AMERICAN INSOLENCE" (OPPOSITION AL AHRAR).

-- BOSNIA: HARSHEST NATO AIR RAIDS ON BOSNIA (ALL PAPERS).

-- UN SECURITY COUNCIL: U.S. AGREES TO INCLUDING GERMANY AND JAPAN IN UNSC MEMBERSHIP, EGYPT DEMANDS MEMBERSHIP FOR COUNTRIES OF REGIONAL WEIGHT (PRO-GOVERNMENT AL AHRAM).

-- BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: EGYPT PLAYED PIVOTAL ROLE IN FORMULATING BWC DOCUMENT (ALL PAPERS).
-- U.S.-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS: U.S. AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO CALLS FOR AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN EGYPT AND CONFIRMS EGYPT IS MAIN PARTNER WITH U.S. IN PEACE PROCESS (PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS AL AHRAM AND AL AKHBAR). WASHINGTON POST REPORTS TOURISM FLOURISHES IN EGYPT AFTER TERRORISM COLLAPSED (ALL PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS). UNIDENTIFIED EGYPTIAN SECURITY EXPERT WARNS AGAINST U.S. PLAN TO OVERTHROW REGIME IN EGYPT (OPPOSITION WEEKLY AL AHALI). END SUMMARY.

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2. BLOCK QUOTES

-- PEACE PROCESS:

UNSIGNED, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL AHRAM: "THE ISRAELI STUBBORNNESS ON THE ISSUE OF HEBRON REMAINS TO BE THE MAIN STUMBLING BLOC IN THE WAY OF AN AGREEMENT ON THE SECOND STAGE OF AUTONOMY.... THE STALEMATE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IS PRIMARILY ASCRIBED TO THE POSITION OF THE ISRAELI SIDE. THE ISRAELIS AIM AT GRABBING THE MOST POSSIBLE PALESTINIAN CONCESSIONS. THEY CONTINUE TO ACT IN ARROGANCE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AS MANIFEST IN THEIR INSISTEBCE ON MAINTAINING THE LAND AND MILITARY POWER WHILE THE PALESTINIANS CANNOT PRESSURE THEM...."

DR. YOUSRI ABEL MOHSEN, CONTRIBUTOR, AL AHRAM: "THE KILLING OF EGYPTIAN POWS...WAS NOT THE ONLY INHUMAN AND IMMORAL ACT BY THIS BLOODY SOCIETY, WHICH SUFFERS THE NAZI COMPLEX.... THE NAZI PSYCHOLOGICAL COMPLEX HAS BECOME PART AND PARCEL OF THE ISRAELI NATURE...."

-- NUCLEAR TESTING:

MOHAMMED SID AHMED, COLUMNIST, OPPOSITION WEEKLY AL AHALI: "THE FRENCH DECISION TO CONTINUE NUCLEAR TESTING, REGARDLESS OF [INTERNATIONAL] OPPOSITION, MEANS THAT THE
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CURRENT FRENCH GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO PURSUE THE LOGIC OF 'NUCLEAR APARTHEID'.... DOES THIS AGREE WITH THE NEW WORLD ORDER?.... THE FACT IS THAT CAIRO MUST TAKE A POSITION AGAINST FRANCE'S NUCLEAR TESTING IN THE PACIFIC. OR ELSE, WE WOULD BE TAKING FOR GRANTED THAT THIS 'NUCLEAR APARTHEID' THAT FRANCE IS PRACTICING ON THE EUROPEAN LEVEL...HAS BECOME AVAILABLE FOR ISRAEL...TO PRACTICE IN THE REGION."

-- BOSNIA:

AHMED BAHGAT, COLUMNIST, AL AHRAM: "AFTER THREE YEARS, NATO MOVED TO STRIKE THE SERBS. HOWEVER, THE STRIKES ARE WEAK.... THE UN. FAILED TO CONVINCE THE SERBS TO WITHDRAW THEIR WEAPONS, AND NATO FAILED TO DESTROY SERBIAN HOLDS.... ALTHOUGH THE VICTIM'S POSITION IS CLEAR, RUSSIA OBJECTED TO NATO INTERVENTION.... THE BALL NOW IS IN CLINTON'S COURT. THE SITUATION NEEDS A MORE DECISIVE POSITION FROM HIM TO END THE TRAGEDY."

UNSIGNED, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL AKHBAR: "OBVIOUSLY, TERE IS NO USE CONVINCING THE SERBS TO WITHDRAW THEIR WEAPONS.... THE POSITION OF THE SERBIAN BASTARD (EDITOR'S NOTE: VERBATIM TRANSLATION) KARADIC DOES NOT INDICATE THAT HE WILL ACCEPT ANY PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT UNLESS IT SATISFIES HIS RACIST OBJECTIVES.... THE ONLY WAY TO FORCE HIM TO COMPLY WITH THE WILL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY...IS TO CONTINUE THE PUNITIVE AIR OPERATIONS OF NATO."

-- BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:
SALAH MONTASSER, COLUMNIST, AL AHRAM: "THERE IS A WRONG PERCEPTION OF MANY THAT ISLAM DIFFERENTIATES BETWEEN MAN AND WOMAN IN INHERITANCE.... THE MAN CARRIES MORE BURDENS THAN THE WOMAN WHO DEPENDS ON HER HUSBAND FOR SPENDING. THIS IS WHY ISLAM IS TRUE AND JUST." CAVNESS
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2. SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE: MRS. MARIA DO CARMO SEQUIERA BRAGANCA NETO, DIRECTOR OF WOMEN AND FAMILY AFFAIRS.

ALTHOUGH IT IS A SMALL COUNTRY, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE (STP) HAS MADE GREAT STRIDES TOWARDS ACHIEVING EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN. WOMEN ARE REPRESENTED PROMINENTLY IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ESPECIALLY IN THE FISHING INDUSTRY. THE CABINET-LEVEL WOMEN'S COMMISSION SPEARHEADS INITIATIVES IN EDUCATION, HEALTH, SOCIAL SECURITY, FAMILY PLANNING, AND POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT.

3. BANGLADESH: MS. BEGUM SARWARI RAHMAN, STATE MINISTER FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S AFFAIRS.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1971, BANGLADESH HAD FACED THE
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WORST OF ALL CONDITIONS; A POOR COUNTRY, NO NATURAL RESOURCES, A FRAGILE ECOLOGY, AND A LARGE POPULATION. DESPITE THESE DISADVANTAGES, THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT HAS ENSURED THAT ALL ITS CITIZENS HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO HELP BUILD THE COUNTRY. TEN PERCENT OF THE SEATS IN THE PARLIAMENT ARE RESERVED FOR WOMEN AND THE COUNTRY'S TWO TOP POLITICIANS; THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE LABOR PARTY LEADER ARE BOTH WOMEN. IN THE UNION AND DISTRICT COUNCILS, THREE SEATS ARE ALWAYS RESERVED FOR WOMEN. BOTH THE CIVIL SERVICE AND EDUCATION SYSTEMS ALSO HAVE QUOTAS OF 15 AND 60 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY FOR WOMEN. IN THE MOST SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM TO DATE, THE BARRING'S BANK HAS ESTABLISHED BRANCHES IN 38,000 OF THE COUNTRY'S 58,000 VILLAGES. IN THOSE VILLAGES 98 PERCENT OF THOSE EXTENDED CREDIT TO START BUSINESSES ARE WOMEN.

4. TURKMENISTAN: MRS. ABBAD REZAEVA, DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE PARLIAMENT.

IN A SPEECH COUCHED IN SOCIALIST RHETORIC, MRS. REZAEVA COMPARED HER COUNTRY'S SOCIALIST MARKET ECONOMY TO CHINA'S IN TERMS OF STRUCTURE AND GOALS. SHE OUTLINED THE PRESIDENT'S GOAL OF "TEN YEARS OF STABILITY" WHICH WHEN COUPLED WITH THE ECONOMIC PLAN WILL ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL OF "GENUINE ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE" FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES. MRS. REAEVA STATED THAT SINCE THE BREAKUP OF THE SOVIET UNION, THE CIS STATES HAVE ACCUMULATED A DEBT OF 1.5 BILLION USD OWED TO TURKMINISTAN FOR ITS NATURAL GAS SHIPMENTS. BECAUSE OF THIS, THE COUNTRY IS SEEKING FOREIGN INVESTMENT TO FINANCE ITS DEVELOPMENT. AWARE OF ITS KEY GEOGRAPHIC POSITION, THE COUNTRY PURSUES A POLICY OF "POSITIVE NEUTRALIT.". IN BOLSTERING HER CASE THAT HER COUNTRY IS A GOOD INVESTMENT, MRS. REZAEVA BOASTED THAT HER COUNTRY HAD A LOW DIVORCE RATE, HIGH BIRTH RATE, A 100 PERCENT LITERACY RATE AND THAT 61 PERCENT OF THE WOMEN ARE COLLEGE GRADUATES.

5. GAMBIA: MRS. TUTI A.J.J. JAMMER, FIRST LADY OF GAMBIA.

LIKE MANY OF HER FELLOW AFRICAN DELEGATES, MRS. JAMMER IDENTIFIED POVERTY AND INSTABILITY AS THE TWO MOST SERIOUS PROBLEMS FACING THE WOMEN OF HER COUNTRY. WHILE SHE SUPPORTS THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE PLATFORM, MRS. JAMMER STATED FLATLY THAT HER COUNTRY LACKED THE NATURAL AND FINANCIAL R
ESOURCES TO PROPERLY PURSUE THE
GOALS OF EMPOWERMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
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NEVERTHELESS, WOMEN IN GAMBIA PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE POLITICAL STRUCTURE. FOUR OF THE FOURTEEN MINISTERS AND THREE CABINET SECRETARIES ARE WOMEN.

6. HAITI: MME. LISA MARIE DEJEAN, MINISTER FOR WOMEN.

MME DEJEAN GRACIOUSLY THANKED THE UNITED NATIONS FOR ITS ROLE IN THE 15 OCTOBER 1994 RETURN TO HAITI OF PRESIDENT ARISTIDE AND WITH HIM HAITIAN DEMOCRACY. SHE STATED THAT
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HAITI WAS DETERMINED TO ESTABLISH DEMOCRACY AND GENDER EQUALITY. JUST AS WOMEN HAD BORNE THE BRUNT OF THE MURDER AND TERROR DURING HAITI'S SUCCESSIVE DICTATORIAL GOVERNMENTS, SO THEY WOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW HAITI. WHILE SHE ACKNOWLEDGED MANY OF HAITI'S SEEMINGLY INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEMS; EXTREME POVERTY, 82 PERCENT ILLITERACY, BIAS LAWS AND TRADITIONS AND LACK OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, SHE HIGHLIGHTED THE PERSEVERANCE OF HAITIAN WOMEN AS ONE OF HER COUNTRY'S GREATEST ASSETS.
TO ILLUSTRATE THE STEPS THAT HAITI HAS ALREADY TAKEN, MME. DEJEAN CITED THE SIX MINISTERIAL POSITIONS RESERVED FOR WOMEN, AND HER COUNTRY'S PLAN TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT, ESTABLISH THE RULE OF LAW, REVERSE THE OPPRESSION OF WOMEN, AND CREATE A CULTURE FREE OF VIOLENCE.

7. KAZAKSTAN: MRS. SARA NAZARBAEVA, FIRST LADY.

MRS. NAZARBAEVA FOCUSED HER SPEECH ON THE EFFECTS OF WAR AND WEAPONS ON THE WOMEN OF HER COUNTRY AND THE WORLD. FOR THIRTY YEARS KAZAKSTAN WAS THE LOCATION OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION'S PRIMARY NUCLEAR TEST FACILITY. AS A RESULT OF THIS TESTING LARGE PORTIONS OF THE COUNTRY WILL REMAIN A "DEAD ZONE" WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY. IN ADDITION, THE KAZAK PEOPLE ARE EXPERIENCING THE THIRD GENERATION OF CHILDREN HIDEOUSLY DEFORMED BY RADIATION POISONING. AS A RESULT, MANY KAZAK WOMEN ARE AFRAID TO BEAR CHILDREN. BECAUSE OF THIS, THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT IN THE COUNTRY IS FOCUSED ON SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AND THE WOMEN WHO MUST TAKE CARE OF PHYSICALLY DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN. IN ADDITION, BECAUSE OF ITS ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY, ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO ENHANCING COOPERATION AND DOMESTIC STABILITY.

8. ERITREA: MME. ASKALU MENKORIOS, MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

AFTER A 30 YEAR WAR OF LIBERATION, ERITREA ACHIEVED ITS INDEPENDENCE. BECAUSE 65 PERCENT OF THE LIBERATION ARMY
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CONSISTED OF WOMEN, GENDER EQUALITY ACCOMPANIED INDEPENDENCE. ONE OF THE FIRST ACTS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT WAS TO ELIMINATE THE TRADITIONAL LAWS AND PENAL CODES THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST WOMEN. ANOTHER HAS TO APPOINT 22 WOMEN TO THE INDEPENDENCE COMMISSION AND ESTABLISH QUOTAS IN THE PARLIAMENT FOR FEMALE MEMBERS. MME. MENKORIOS ACKNOWLEDGED THE SERIOUS

OBSTACLE OF SOCIAL TRADITION IN HER COUNTRY, BUT STATED THAT AS HER COUNTRY DEVELOPED ECONOMICALLY, THESE TRADITIONS WOULD CHANGE. WITH THIS AS A LEAD-IN, SHE ENDED HER SPEECH WITH AN APPEAL FOR DEVELOPMENTAL AID.

9. SIERRA LEONE: DR. BAILAH-LEIGH, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

AN ONGOING INTERNAL INSURGENCY HAS LED THE COUNTRY TO THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE. AS IN MANY OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS, WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE THE PRIMARY VICTIMS OF THIS VIOLENCE. THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE THE REBELS AN OFFER OF UNCONDITIONAL PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT TO DATE HAVE RECEIVED NO REPLY. THEY ARE TRYING TO SIMULTANEOUSLY TRANSITION TO A MULTI-PARTY DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM AND INITIATE AN ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM. DUE TO THE INSURGENCY AND A LACK OF RESOURCES BOTH HAVE MET WITH MARGINAL SUCCESS. WHILE HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE THAT HIS COUNTRY HAS RECEIVED, DR. BAILAH-LEIGH BLAMED HIS COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS ON ADVERSE ECONOMIC POLICIES DIRECTED AGAINST AFRICA.

10. WESTERN SAMOA: MR. POLOTAIVAO FOSI, MINISTER FOR WOMEN'S AFFAIRS.

WOMEN'S ISSUES IN SAMOA WERE DISCUSSED IN THE CONTEXT OF MR FOSI'S DENOUNCEMENT OF THE RECENT NUCLEAR TESTING CARRIED OUT BY FRANCE IN THE PACIFIC. HE IDENTIFIED THIS AS THE GREATEST DANGER TO THE SMALL ISLAND NATIONS OF THE PACIFIC AND THEIR PEOPLE. HE ANNOUNCED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS WORKING WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND
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TO ESTABLISH A "PEACE POLICY".

11. LESOTHO: MRS. MANED MOKHEHLE, REPRESENTATIVE.

MRS. MOKHEHLE EXPRESSED HER COUNTRY'S SUPPORT OF THE CONFERENCE PLATFORM, DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM OF POVERTY AMONG RURAL WOMEN, AND CONFIRMED THE GOVERNMENT'S RESOLVE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR WOMEN.
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12. MADAGASCAR: MM. HENRIETTE RABABY, MINISTER FOR REGIONAL STATE AFFAIRS.

MM. RABABY CITED THE 70 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY'S WOMEN LIVING IN RURAL POVERTY AS ITS MOST PRESSING ISSUE. SHE THEN OUTLINED THE COUNTRY'S PLAN TO INTEGRATE WOMEN INTO THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN. AT PRESENT 10 PERCENT OF THE PARLIAMENT AND 6 PERCENT OF THE MINISTERS IN THE COUNTRY ARE WOMEN.

13. GUAM: MRS. MADALINE Z. BORDALLO, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

AFTER INTRODUCING GUAM, USA, AS THE "PLACE WHERE AMERICA'S DAY BEGINS", MRS. BORDALLO SPEECH FOCUSED ON THE DESIRE FOR SOME MEASURE OF SELF-DETERMINATION AMONG THE NATIVE CHOMORRO PEOPLE OF THE ISLAND. WITHIN THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF GUAM'S "350 YEARS OF COLONIALISM", SHE HIGHLIGHTED THE ROLE OF CHOMORRO WOMEN IN MAINTAINING THEIR CULTURE IN SPITE OF THE "INVASION OF ALIEN CULTURES AND SUB-CULTURES FROM OUTSIDE OF GUAM." MRS. BORDALLO TIED PROGRESS IN WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN GUAM TO THE "DECOLONIZATION PROCESS" THAT WOULD BEGIN WITH GREATER SELF-DETERMINATION. (COMMENT. AFTER THE SPEECH, MRS. BORDALLO STATED THAT SHE DESIRED AN UPGRADE IN GUAM'S STATUS FROM A TERRITORY TO A COMMONWEALTH.)

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1. THE FOLLOWING ARE SUMMARIES OF THE MAIN POINTS CONTAINED IN THE REMARKS DELIVERED AT THE MORNING PLENARY OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN (4WCW) IN BEIJING ON SEPTEMBER 8. REMARKS WERE DELIVERED BY DELEGATES OF BURUNDI, KENYA, LIECHTENSTEIN, CUBA, ESTONIA, CROATIA, JAMAICA, THE BAHAMAS, BELIZE, UNESCO, UNCTAD, ROMANIA AND VIETNAM.
2. BURUNDI: NTIBANTUNGANYA PASCASIE, FIRST LADY

-- EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE WRITTEN LAWS IN MANY COUNTRIES MANDATING EQUALITY FOR WOMEN, IN REALITY, IT IS OFTEN OVERRIDDEN BY CUSTOM. IN ADDITION, THE POOR OF YESTERDAY REMAIN THE POOR OF TODAY, WITH WOMEN AND

CHILDREN SUFFERING MOST UNDER POOR ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. THE UN SHOULD OFFER RESOURCES AND CREATE PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THESE SITUATIONS.

-- WOMEN ARE NOT REPRESENTED IN POSITIONS OF POWER DUE TO TRADITION AND LACK OF EDUCATION. THEY ARE NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN FORMULATING DEVELOPMENT POLICIES.

-- WITH RESPECT TO VIOLENCE, UN MEMBERS ARE GUILTY OF IGNORING ARMS SALES. WOMEN SUFFER UNDER ARMED CONFLICT AND ETHNIC VIOLENCE. BURUNDI'S OWN TRAGEDY BEGAN WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT NDADAY MELCHIOR, ELECTED IN 1993. THE WOMEN OF BURUNDI OPPOSE VIOLENCE AND ARE THE VANGUARD OF THE PEOPLE IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE. THEY APPEAL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR MORAL, TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO BRING ABOUT A RETURN TO PEACE. BURUNDI CONDEMNS ALL ARMED CONFLICTS AND TRADE IN WEAPONS WHICH ARE KILLING ITS CHILDREN AND HUSBANDS AND DESTROYING THE ENVIRONMENT.

-- BURUNDI IS ONE OF THE POOREST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD. HOWEVER THE QUESTION OF WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT IS A CONCERN OF NATIONAL OPINION AND IS INCLUDED IN SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES.

3. KENYA: NYIVA MWENDWA, M.P., MINISTER FOR CULTURE AND SOCIAL SERVICES

-- IN 1990 KENYA ACHIEVED EQUALITY IN ACCESS TO EDUCATION, HOWEVER THE DROP-OUT RATE REMAINS HIGH DUE TO POVERTY, TEENAGE PREGNANCIES, ETC. THE POLICY OF THE GOK IS TO ENCOURAGE UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT OF WOMEN. IN FACT, KENYA HAS ATTAINED 50/50 ENROLLMENT IN THE FACULTY OF LAW.

-- THE GOK HAS ALSO MADE SIGNIFICANT STRIDES IN THE AREAS OF HEALTH AND THE ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN. HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH THE GOK HAS MADE CREDIT WITHOUT COLLATERAL MORE AVAILABLE, IT IS STILL IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN CREDIT WITHOUT COLLATERAL FROM COMMERCIAL BANKS. LAWS HAVE NOW BEEN PASSED TO ALLOW WOMEN TO INHERIT LAND.

-- SOME OF THE GAINS THAT KENYA MADE DURING THE 1985 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE HAVE BEEN ERODED BY STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMS AND HEAVY DEBT BURDEN, WHICH HAVE HAD A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON WOMEN'S PROGRAMS. THE GOK CALLS FOR AN ANNULMENT OF EXTERNAL DEBT. POLITICAL COMMITMENT SHOULD BE MADE AT ALL LEVELS TO MOBILIZE RESOURCES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM. IN ADDITION, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD COMMIT 0.7 PERCENT OF GDP TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

-- WOMEN SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. WOMEN AND CHILDREN SUFFER MOST DURING WAR AND KENYA IS HOST TO MANY OF THE REFUGEES THAT WARS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES HAVE PRODUCED. WE NEED SUPPORT TO PROVIDE

TRAINING FOR THESE WOMEN AND TO PREVENT THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT.

4. LIECHTENSTEIN: DR. ANDREA WILLI, MINI
STER FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MINISTER FOR EQUALITY, CULTURE,
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-- IN 1984, THE WOMEN OF LIECHTENSTEIN GOT THE VOTE AND IN 1986 THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR EQUALITY OF MEN AND WOMEN WAS ESTABLISHED.

-- THE RECONCILIATION OF FAMILY AND PROFESSIONAL LIFE IS VERY IMPORTANT AND MUST BE SUPPORTED. THERE SHOULD BE AN EQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN.
-- VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SPHERES REQUIRES EDUCATION AND AWARENESS. MOST ABHORRENT IS THE USE OF SYSTEMATIC RAPE AS A TOOL OF ARMED CONFLICT, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO ETHNIC CLEANSING. THE UN SHOULD ENSURE THAT THESE ACTIVITIES DO NOT GO UNPUNISHED.

5. CUBA: WILMA ESPIN GUILLET, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OF CUBAN WOMEN

-- WE HAVE MADE MUCH PROGRESS SINCE THE UN DECLARED THE "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR" IN 1975. MOMENTUM BUILT DURING THE FIRST WORLD CONFERENCE IN MEXICO RESULTED IN THE DECLARATION OF THE 1975-85 DECADE OF WOMEN AND 1979 ADOPTION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN.

-- DESPITE THE GOLDEN AGE FOR WOMEN THIS PAST DECADE HAS REPRESENTED, A GREATLY UNJUST INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER HAS RESULTED IN AN INCREASE IN THE POVERTY AND RELATED EXPLOITATION THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTS WOMEN AND CHILDREN. THE MERCHANTS OF WAR CONTINUE TO SELL WEAPONS THAT ENCOURAGE BLOODY CONFLICTS, WITH WOMEN AND CHILDREN THE VICTIMS. THE HUGE RESOURCES DEVOTED TO THE PRODUCTION AND PURCHASE OF WEAPONS COULD BE SUFFICIENT TO FEED ALL THE WORLD'S INHABITANTS AND BUILD NECESSARY SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS.

-- SINCE THE CUBAN PEOPLE WON INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY FROM THE COLONIZERS 36 YEARS AGO, WOMEN HAVE PLAYED AN INTEGRAL PART IN THE REVOLUTION, BOTH AS PROTAGONISTS AND BENEFICIARIES. TODAY THE MORE THAN

3.5 MILLION MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION OF CUBAN WOMEN VOLUNTEER THEIR EFFORTS TO ADVANCE FOOD PRODUCTION AND PROMOTE HEALTH, EDUCATION, SEX EDUCATION AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH.

-- CUBAN WOMEN HAVE A RIGHT TO CONTROL THEIR OWN BODIES AND PLAN THEIR FAMILIES. AS A RESULT OF THE CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL LEVEL REACHED IN CUBA, IT HAS NOT BEEN NECESSARY TO DRAW UP AN EXPLICIT POLICY TO CONTROL THE POPULATION.

-- CUBA HAD MADE MANY ADVANCES. TODAY WOMEN CONSTITUTE 62 PERCENT OF THE MID- AND UPPER-LEVEL TECHNICIANS, 57.7 PERCENT OF THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, 42 PERCENT OF THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCHERS, 40.6 PERCENT OF THE LABOR FORCE AND 23.7 PERCENT OF THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

-- THE HARSH ECONOMIC BLOCKADE ENFORCED BY THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PAST 33 YEARS HAS HINDERED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THIS BLOCKADE IS A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HAS CREATED SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES FOR WOMEN, PARTICULARLY UNDER THE CURRENT UNIPOLARITY OF THE WORLD ORDER. IN SPITE OF THE BLOCKADE, SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REMAINS AT 99 PERCENT AND HEALTH RATIOS HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED. WE CONTINUE TO PURSUE OUR PERMANENT OBJECTIVE, WHOSE SOCIALIST CHARACTER HAS AS ITS CENTER THE HUMAN BEING.

-- WE PRAISE OUR BROTHERS IN CHINA, WHO, IN PROCLAIMING THE SOCIALIST OBJECTIVE OF THE REVOLUTION, KNEW HOW TO DIRECT THE EFFORTS OF THEIR PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC GROWTH WHICH HAS, IN TURN, LEAD TO A
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BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE POPULATION.

6. ESTONIA: SIIRI OVIIR, MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

-- WE, THE WOMEN OF ESTONIA, WHO FOUR YEARS AGO, TOGETHER WITH OUR HUSBANDS AND CHILDREN, REGAINED OUR FREEDOM AND RESTORED OUR INDEPENDENCE, ARE CERTAINLY A REMARKABLE EXAMPLE FOR MANY WOMEN WHO STILL STRUGGLE FOR THE FREEDOM OF THEIR NATIVE LANDS. THE WOMEN OF THE NORDIC COUNTRIES SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR US. WE CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT THERE BE FREEDOM TO DEVELOP FOR WOMEN, THEIR CHOICE OF ROLE IN LIFE AS WELL AS IN SOCI
ETY.
-- ALTHOUGH THE LABOR AND FAMILY ACT SECURES EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN, IT DOES NOT GUARANTEE EQUALITY. ALTHOUGH THE EDUCATIONAL LEVEL OF

WOMEN IS HIGHER THAT OF MEN, THEIR AVERAGE SALARY IS ONLY 71 PERCENT OF MEN'S. WOMEN ARE UNDERREPRESENTED IN POSITIONS OF DECISION-MAKING AND ARE RELEGATED TO TRADITIONAL WOMEN'S JOBS. THE DIVISION OF DOMESTIC HOUSEWORK ALSO PRESENTS A PROBLEM, WITH WOMEN BEARING MOST OF THE BURDEN.

-- THE SEXUAL EDUCATION OF THE WHOLE POPULATION LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED. TODAY 1686 ABORTIONS PER 1000 BIRTHS ARE PERFORMED IN ESTONIA.

-- ANOTHER CONCERN IS THE 10-YEAR DIFFERENCE IN LIFE EXPECTANCY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN, WITH A SHORTER LIFE-SPAN FOR MALES. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO INTRODUCE POLICY THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR APPROXIMATELY THE SAME LIFE-SPANS FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

-- WE DO SEE SOLUTIONS TO ESTONIAN WOMEN'S PROBLEMS. AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL WE PLAN TO PUT INTO EFFECT THE CONVENTION ON ELIMINATING ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN; CREATE NATIONAL STRUCTURES FOR EQUAL RIGHTS; STRENGTHEN SOCIAL STATISTICS CONCERNING WOMEN'S ISSUES; AND USE THE PUBLIC MEDIA TO PROMOTE EQUALITY AT THE FAMILY LEVEL WE PLAN TO DEVELOP SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENTS AND SUPPORT FAMILY PLANNING. AT THE SELF-ACTUALIZATION LEVEL, WE PLAN TO RAISE THE CONFIDENCE AND COMPETENCE OF WOMEN; SECURE THEIR POSITION IN THE LABOR MARKET AND PUBLIC LIFE; AND PROVIDE STATE SUPPORT FOR TRAINING.

7. CROATIA: KATICA IVANISEVIC, PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSE OF COUNTIES OF THE PARLIAMENT

-- THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA BEARS THE BURDEN OF MANY SCARS DUE TO THE WAR'S AGGRESSION. PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH DEMOCRATIC CHANGES AND THE TRANSITION TO A MARKET ECONOMY ARE ACCOMPANIED WITH THE RESISTANCE TO SERBIAN AGGRESSION AND OCCUPATION. WAR ATROCITIES MAINLY HIT WOMEN WHO LOST THEIR HOMES, BECAME WIDOWS OR SINGLE MOTHERS OR WHO WERE EXPOSED TO HORRIBLE FORMS OF MALTREATMENT SUCH AS THE SYSTEMATIC RAPE AND PLANNED RAPE WHICH IS A PART OF ETHNIC CLEANSING. WE RESOLUTELY DEMAND THAT THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR WAR CRIMES PUNISH THE PERPETRATORS OF THESE CRIMES, AS WELL AS THOSE OF ALL OTHER WAR CRIMES.

-- THE SUCCESSFUL LIBERATION OF THE MAJORITY OF OCCUPIED AREAS IN CROATIA ENABLES THE GOVERNMENT TO CONCENTRATE ON REMOVING THE CONSEQUENCES OF AGGRESSION, RECONSTRUCTING THE COUNTRY, ORGANIZING THE RETURN OF REFUGEES AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND RAISING THE STANDARD OF LIVING. IN ORDER TO INTEGRATE WOMEN INTO SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION FULLY AND ON AN EQUAL BASIS, IT IS NECESSARY TO ADJUST THE ENTIRE SOCIETY.

-- THE CURRENT SITUATION IS NOT SATISFACTORY. TO IMPROVE IT, WE MUST STRENGTHEN THE MECHANISM FOR

SECURING EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN ALL SPHERES OF PUBLIC LIFE, INCLUDING IN POSITIONS OF POLITICAL
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DECISION-MAKING. IN CONNECTION WITH ENHANCING THE POSITION OF WOMEN, OUR MOST URGENT TASKS AT PRESENT ARE: THE LIBERATION OF REMAINING OCCUPIED PARTS OF CROATIA; THE RETURN OF REFUGEES AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS; THE UNCOVERING OF THE FATE OF ALL MISSING PERSONS; IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ACTIVE POPULATION POLICY, WITH FULL RESPECT FOR WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS; AND THE INCLUSION OF THE MOST VULNERABLE CATEGORIES OF WOMEN IN SPECIAL SOCIAL PROGRAMS ORIENTED TOWARDS ENHANCING THEIR POSITIONS. TO THIS END, CROATIA HAS BEGUN TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT POSITIVE LEGISLATION TO BRING IT IN LINE WITH THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AND ADOPTED STANDARDS OF EUROPE.

8. JAMAICA: PORTIA SIMPSON, M.P., MINISTER OF LABOR, SOCIAL SECURITY AND SPORTS

-- WE REQUEST ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR REBUILDING THE ISLAND STATES THAT WERE DEVASTATED TWO DAYS AGO BY HURRICANE LUIS.

-- POVERTY IS THE BIGGEST ENEMY OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY AND WOMEN ARE AFFECTED BY POVERTY MORE THAN MEN. FEMALE-H
EADED HOUSEHOLDS BEAR THE BRUNT OF THIS.

-- TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, MANY OF THE WEALTHIER NATIONS ARE CLOSING THE DOOR TO IMMIGRANTS. THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY COMFORTABLE ARE IGNORING THE KNOCKING AT THE DOOR OF THE POOR, WOMEN, CHILDREN, THE AGED AND DISABLED.

-- WE NEED RELIEF FROM THE ENORMOUS DEBT WITH WHICH WE ARE BURDENED.

-- WE ARE CONTINUALLY DEVELOPING AND REVISITING STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE THE ROLE OF WOMEN; WE MUST NOW COMMIT TO CARRYING THEM OUT. FOR GOALS TO BE ACHIEVED, WOMEN MUST OCCUPY DECISION-MAKING POSITIONS. UNPAID WORK MUST BE INCLUDED IN STATISTICS, MUST BE VALVED AND HONORED. WOMEN ARE AN UNTAPPED RESOURCE THAT MUST BE RECOGNIZED BY DEVELOPMENT PLANNERS.

9. THE BAHAMAS: JANET G. BOSTWICK, M.P., MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

-- THE WORLD CAN NO LONGER PRETEND TO BE IGNORANT OF THE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN. ACTION MUST BE

TAKEN. SOME OF THE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE BAHAMAS THUS FAR INCLUDE: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILD-CARE CENTERS FOR WORKING MOTHERS; VIGOROUS LITERACY PROGRAMS; AND PROGRAMS TO COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. IN ADDITION, THE BAHAMAS DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ECONOMIC IMMIGRANTS FROM SISTER COUNTRIES.
-- TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES ARE REQUIRED FROM DEVELOOPED COUNTRIES. OUR NEEDS ARE SUBSUMED BY THE NEEDS OF ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION. THERE MUST BE EQUITY IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES.

-- THE UN HAS FALLEN SHORT IN ITS EFFORTS TO ATTAIN EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN. THERE ARE ABLE AND QUALIFIED WOMEN WHO COULD WORK AT UPPER DECISION-MAKING LEVELS OF THE UN. THE RATIO SHOULD BE 50 PERCENT BY THE YEAR 2000. THE UN SHOULD LEAD BY EXAMPLE.

-- WE DECRY THE EFFORT TO MEASURE WOMEN'S PROGRESS BY POINTING OUT THE RARE INSTANCES OF WOMEN IN POWER AND THE ABSENCE OF ATROCITIES.

10. BELIZE: FAITH BARB, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES, WOMEN'S AFFAIRS AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

-- BELIZE IS A DIVERSE COUNTRY DUE TO IMMIGRATION FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. IT IS THE GATEWAY BETWEEN CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN. WHILE IMMIGRANTS ARE OUR STRENGTH, THEY ARE ALSO A TAX ON OUR RESOURCES.
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LITERACY IN RECENT YEARS HAS PLUNGED.

-- THE UNDP HAS MADE AN ERROR IN THE ASSESSMENT OF BELIZE'S HUMAN DEVELOPMENT RATIO.

-- HALF OF THE HOUSEHOLDS IN BELIZE ARE HEADED BY WOMEN, WHICH, BECAUSE OF THE FEMINIZATION OF POVERTY, MEANS THAT MANY HOUSEHOLDS ARE LIVING IN GREAT POVERTY. THE GOB MUST NOW DEVELOP GENDER-BASED POLICIES TO ALLEVIATE THIS SITUATION.

11. UNESCO: FEDERICO MAYOR, DIRECTOR-GENERAL

-- TO MOVE BEYOND RHETORIC, WE MUST PUT INTO PRACTICE BEFORE THE END OF THE CENTURY TWO MAIN OBJECTIVES: WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AND WOMEN IN POWER.
-- TWO-THIRDS OF THE 900 MILLION ILLITERATES IN THE WORLD TODAY BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 AND 60 ARE WOMEN AND OVER 60 PERCENT OF THE 130 MILLION OUT-OF SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE GIRLS. 70 PERCENT OF THOSE LIVING IN ABSOLUTE POVERTY ARE WOMEN.

-- INCREASED LEARNING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ARE CRUCIAL TO THE EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC LIFE AND DECISION-MAKING. ENSURING THAT WOMEN ARE ABLE TO USE ACQUIRED SKILLS IN ECONOMICALLY REWARDING WAYS IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT ASPECT OF EMPOWERMENT. SCHEMES SUCH AS THAT OF THE GRAMEEN BANK SERVE AS A GOOD EXAMPLE.

-- WE PROPOSE THAT BY THE YEAR 2000, THE PERCENTAGE OF GNP DEVOTED TO EDUCATION SHOULD BE AT LEAST 6 PERCENT. IN ADDITION, APPROPRIATE LEGAL MEASURES SHOULD BE ADOPTED TO ENSURE THAT ALL DECISION-MAKING BODIES, FROM MUNICIPAL TO STATE LEVEL, SHOULD BE COMPRISED OF AT LEAST 30 PERCENT WOMEN.

-- THE ONLY POSSIBLE FRAMEWORK FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR GOALS IS DEMOCRACY, FOR IT IS ULTIMATELY ONLY THROUGH DEMOCRATIC DIALOGUE AND ACTION THAT ISSUES OF GENDER EQUITY CAN BE FAIRLY ADDRESSED AND EQUITABLY RE
SOLVED. UNESCO HAS ALREADY ENVISAGED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN ACTIVITIES BELATED TO WOMEN. THE DRAFT MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY FOR 1996-2001 PROVIDES FOR MAIN STREAMING A GENDER PERSPECTIVE IN ALL THE ORGANIZATION'S FIELDS OF ACTIVITY.

12. UNCTAD: CHAFIKA MESLEM, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

-- WOMEN MUST TAKE PART IN THE ELABORATION OF ANY DEVELOPMENT PLANS, PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIES AT BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS. THIS IMPLIES A DECISION-MAKING ROLE AND A POLITICAL POWER THAT WOMEN HAVE NOT YET ACQUIRED IN PROPORTION TO THEIR NUMBERS
-- THE END OF THE BIPOLAR WORLD REMOVED THE SPECTER OF A THIRD GLOBAL CONFLICT, BUT DID NOT BRING PEACE. HORDES OF DISPLACED WOMEN AND CHILDREN CHASED FROM THEIR HOMES, RAPED AND MURDERED - THESE ARE THE IMAGES BROADCAST ALMOST DAILY BY THE MEDIA. THE GRAND PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE FLOATED AROUND GENEVA DURING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UN ARE ONLY FIGURES OF SPEECH THAT IN NO WAY REFLECT REALITY.

-- THE QUESTION OF WOMEN MUST CEASE TO BE A MONOLOGUE AMONG WOMEN; IT IS URGENT AND IMPERATIVE TO INVOLVE MEN. UNCTAD HAS ANSWERED THE APPEAL TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO INCLUDE THE QUESTION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT IN THEIR WORK PROGRAMS AND TO INCORPORATE THE NOTION OF GENDER. UNCTAD IS PLANNING TO EXAMINE IN PARTICULAR, IN THE FRAMEWORK OF COUNTRY STUDIES, THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS IN POLICIES RELATING TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AS WELL AS IN ALL THE RESULTING INNOVATIONS.
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-- ATTENTION MUST BE DRAWN TO THE NOT NEGLIGIBLE BUT STILL INSUFFICIENT EFFORTS OF UNCTAD TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WOMEN HOLDING POSTS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN ITS SECRETARIAT. DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS, THE STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS: AT THE D.L-D.2 LEVEL, THERE ARE 33 MEN AND 3 WOMEN; AT THE P.L-P.5 LEVEL, THERE ARE 224 MEN AND 50 WOMEN; AND AT THE GENERAL SERVICE LEVEL, THERE ARE 49 MEN AND 149 WOMEN.

13. ROMANIA: DAN MIRCEA POPESCU, MINSTER OF STATE AND MINSTER OF LABOR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

-- OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS ROMANIA HAS EMBARKED UPON THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION OF ITS ENTIRE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LIFE, INTEGRATION INTO THE WORLD ECONOMY, AND INTEGRATION INTO EUROPEAN ECONOMIC STRUCTURES. THESE STRUCTURAL CHANGES HAVE HAD UNEXPECTED SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ENTIRE POPULATION, BUT IN PARTICULAR FOR WOMEN, IN TERMS OF DECLINE IN THE LIVING STANDARDS AND INCREASED UNEMPLOYMENT.

-- THE GOR WOULD LIKE TO SET UP A REPRESENTATIVE BODY TO COORDINATE STRATEGIES REGARDING WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT AND TO ENSURE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEN AND WOMEN IN ALL FIELDS OF ACTIVITY. IN OUR VIEW, ROMANIA'S ENDEAVORS RELATING TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN, ARE REFLECTED IN A GENERAL WAY IN THE "DECLARATION" AND "PLATFORM FOR ACTION." THEREFORE, IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO FOCUS OUR ATTENTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMITMENTS INCLUDED IN THESE DOCUMENTS.

-- THE ROMANIAN DELEGATION SUPPORTS THE IDEA, BROUGHT UP AT THE VIENNA REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING, CONCERNING THE SETTING UP OF AN INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR COUNTRIES FROM CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE. ALONG THE SAME LINES OF THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE 4WCW, THE GOR WOULD BE PLEASED TO ORGANIZE, IN BUCHAREST, IN COOPERATION WITH THE UN A REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, ASSESSING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIS CONTAINED IN THE BEIJING DOCUMENTS.

14. VIETNAM: TRUONG MY HOA, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

-- IN OUR VIEW, THERE CANNOT BE GENUINE GENDER EQUALITY IF IT COEXISTS WITH INEQUITY, WITH EXCESSIVE DISPARITY BETWEEN THE RICH AND POOR WITHIN THE SAME SOCIETY, B

ECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF THOSE LIVING IN
POVERTY ARE WOMEN. MOREOVER, THE WIDENING GAP BETWEEN
WOMEN OF THE NORTH AND WOMEN OF THE SOUTH, BETWEEN
DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXACERBATES POVERTY.

-- A SENSIBLE AND BALANCED APPROACH SHOULD BE ADOPTED
WITH RESPECT TO POPULATION GROWTH CONTROL AND WOMEN'S
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH. WHILE THIS ASPECT SHOULD NOT BE
OVEREMPHASIZED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OTHER, WE SHOULD
UNDERSTAND AND SYMPATHIZE WITH THE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY
BORNE BY GOVERNMENTS OF POPULOUS COUNTRIES, WHO ARE
UNDER CONSTANT PRESSURE TO SECURE SUFFICIENT FOOD,
JOBS, AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR ADDITIONAL MILLIONS.

-- THE DECADE FOLLOWING NAIROBI ALMOST COINCIDED WITH
THE TIME OF VIETNAM'S REFORM AND RENEWAL (DOI MOI).
THE RESULTING IMPROVED POSITION ENJOYED TODAY BY
VIETNAM DOMESTICALLY AND EXTERNALLY IS ALSO
FACILITATING THE ADVANCEMENT OF VIETNAMESE WOMEN.
ALTHOUGH A POOR COUNTRY WITH A PER CAPITA GNP OF ONLY
220 US DOLLARS, VIETNAM HAS ACHIEVED NEAR GENDER
EQUALITY IN TERMS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, ADULT
LITERACY, AND ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND LABOR FORCE
PARTICIPATION. 27 PERCENT OF ALL HOUSEHOLDS ARE HEADED
BY WOMEN, BUT THESE HOUSEHOLDS ENJOY SIMILAR ECONOMIC
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AND LIVING CONDITIONS AS MALE-HEADED HOUSEHOLDS.

-- TWO AREAS IN WHICH VIETNAMESE WOMEN NEED TO STRIVE
FURTHER IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE FULLER EQUALITY ARE THE
DIVISION OF DOMESTIC LABOR IN THE FAMILY AND THE
PERSISTING WAGE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN.
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1. THIS CABLE SUMMARIZES WORK ON THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION AS COMPLETED ON DAY 8 OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11. REMARKS DELIVERED IN THE PLENARY SESSION ARE REPORTED SEPTEL.

2. THE MAIN COMMITTEE COULD NOT MEET ON SEPTEMBER 11, TO APPROVE THE WORK OF THE DRAFTING GROUPS, BECAUSE ONLY ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERSIONS OF THE DOCUMENTS WERE AVAILABLE. THE CHAIR PROMISED TO RECONVENE THE COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 12.

3. IN TERMS OF THE DISCUSSION OF HEALTH ISSUES, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED IN THE CONTACT GROUP ON THE RIGHT OF WOMEN TO HAVE CONTROL OVER AND DECIDE FREELY AND RESPONSIBLY ON MATTERS RELATED TO THEIR SEXUALITY, INCLUDING SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH.

THE REFERENCE (FULL TEXT NOT PROVIDED HERE) REPLACED LANGUAGE IN THE PLATFORM CONCERNING SEXUAL RIGHTS. THE GROUP, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, ALSO ADOPTED LANGUAGE CONCERNING REVIEWING PUNITIVE MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST WOMEN WHO OBTAIN ILLEGAL ABORTIONS. DESPITE EXTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS, APPROXIMATELY 15 DELEGATIONS ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD TAKE RESERVATIONS ON THIS LAST AGREEMENT.

4. ALSO THE CONTACT GROUP FOR HEALTH ADOPTED A PARAGRAPH BALANCING THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN WITH THE DUTY OF PARENTS TO DIRECT AND GUIDE THEM. THIS COMPROMISE TEXT WILL BE PLACED IN A FEW KEY SECTIONS IN THE DOCUMENT, SETTLING MANY OF THE OUTSTANDING BRACKETED ISSUES.

5. IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS BASKET OF ISSUES, CLOSURE WAS REACHED ON USE OF THE WORD "UNIVERSAL" TO DESCRIBE HUMAN RIGHTS. THIS ALSO RESOLVED A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING BRACKET ISSUES.

6. LITTLE PROGRESS WAS MADE ON THE RESOURCES BASKET, DESPITE EXTENDED NEGOTIATIONS THAT CONTINUED INTO THE EVENING HOURS.

7. THE CONTACT GROUP ON THE DECLARATION CONTINUED ITS PROGRESS THROUGH THE REMAINING BRACKETS, AND AGREEMENT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ON THE EXPRESSION "WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS,' AS ARTICULATED BY FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON.
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MOST EDITORIALS CONCERN THE VW PAY SETTLEMENT AND THE CONTROVERSY OVER CRUCIFIXES IN BAVARIAN CLASSROOMS. THE VW SETTLEMENT WAS THE LEAD IN YESTERDAY'S ARD EARLY EVENING NEWSCAST TAGESSCHAU.

B. BOSNIA: RUSSIAN ACCUSATIONS, CONTINUED AIR RAIDS

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MOSCOW ACCUSED NATO OF 'GENOCIDE' AGAINST THE BOSNIAN SERBS AS HEADLINE. SOME OTHER PAPERS MENTION THIS ON THEIR FRONT OR THEIR INTERNATIONAL PAGES INSIDE. GENERAL-ANZEIGER IS ALSO THE ONLY PAPER THAT WRITES IN ITS EDITORIAL THAT MOSCOW'S WARNING SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND NOT BE PUSHED ASIDE AS ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUSS. OTHER PAPERS SAY THAT MOSCOW'S WARNING IS 'ABSURD' (SUEDWEST PRESSE), SINCE THE BOSNIAN SERBS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NATO'S BOMBING RAIDS. THEY DELIBERATELY HID THEIR GUNS NEAR RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND THIS MAY RESULT IN CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. OTHER PAPERS DEAL IN GENERAL WITH MOSCOW'S LATEST ACCUSATIONS AND WRITE THAT THIS LANGUAGE REMINDS US OF THE TIMES OF THE COLD WAR.

1. D. RUCK COMMENTED ON ARD TV'S (NATIONAL TV CHANNEL ONE) EARLY EVENING NEWSCAST TAGESSCHAU:

"RUSSIA ACCUSED NATO OF 'GENOCIDE OF THE BOSNIAN SERBS'...BUT RUSSIA IS NOT ONLY INTERESTED IN THE BOSNIAN SERBS, IT IS ALSO (WORRIED) ABOUT THE POSITION OF THE FORMER SUPERPOWER IN THE WORLD. STATEMENTS LIKE THIS REMIND US OF THE TIMES OF THE COLD WAR. IF THE WEST CONTINUES TO EXCLUDE RUSSIA IN ITS POLICY TOWARDS BOSNIA - AND THIS IS PROBABLY THE BACKGROUND OF THE STATEMENT - A NEW ERA COULD BEGIN - THE ONE OF A COLD WAR."

2. P. CLEMENT SAID IN A COMMENTARY ON NATIONAL RADIO STATION DEUTSCHLANDFUNK OF COLOGNE:

"THOSE WHO DESCRIBE NATO'S USE OF TOMAHAWK MISSILES IN BOSNIA AS 'AN ESCALATION OF THE MILITARY SITUATION' ARE EXAGGERATING.... THERE ARE POLITICAL REASONS TO OVERINTERPRET THE NEW ARMS SYSTEM AS AN 'ESCALATION.'... THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM NATIONALISTS WHO ARE BEGINNING TO FEATHER THEIR OWN NEST (AT YELTSIN'S EXPENSE) IN THE PREPARATORY STAGE OF THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN.... THOSE WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SKEPTICAL OF NATO ARE GETTING THE UPPER HAND IN MOSCOW. IN THIS SITUATION, IT IS RIGHT THAT THE NEW RULES NATO AGREED UPON WITH

RUSSIA, I.E. CONSULTATIONS, WILL NOW BE APPLIED. THE NATO MAXIM TOWARDS MOSCOW MUST NOW BE TO BE CONCILIATORY IN THE FORM BUT TOUGH REGARDING THE FACTS."

3. CENTRIST GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN CARRIES AN UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 11 BONN GE 18784

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EDITORIAL BY ULRICH LUEKE UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"DANGEROUS TONES."

"IF THE ALARM BELLS DID NOT RING IN THE WESTERN GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS LAST NIGHT, THE WEST WILL HAVE MADE ITS NEXT MISTAKE. THESE EXCESSIVE ACCUSATIONS FROM THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT...REMIND US IN A DANGEROUS WAY OF THE ATTITUDES DURING THE COLD WAR. TO ACCUSE NATO OF MASS MURDER OF THE SERBS IS ABSURD AND TURNING THINGS UPSIDE DOWN, SINCE THE ALLIANCE COULD AT BEST BE ACCUSED OF HAVING IDLY WATCHED THE GENOCIDE THE SERBS COMMITTED (AGAINST THE MUSLIMS).

"IT WOULD BE FATAL FOR THE WEST TO MINIMIZE OR APOLOGIZE THE RUSSIAN ATTACKS BY REFERRING TO THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN THE COUNTRY.... FIVE YEARS AFTER THE DISINTEGRATION OF THE EAST BLOC, THE SITUATION IS DANGEROUSLY UNSTABLE. FRENCH PRESIDENT CHIRAC WAS THE FIRST TO REALIZE THIS AND ADDRESSED IT OPENLY OVER THE WEEKEND. THE QUESTION MUST BE RAISED WHETHER ALL THOSE WERE 'WISHFUL THINKERS' WHO TRIED OVER THE PAST YEARS TO ESTABLISH A SECURITY PARTNERSHIP. IT WOULD BE FATAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT IN EUROPE IF THIS WERE TO BE THE CASE."

4. CENTRIST SUEDWEST PRESSE OF ULM HOLDS:
"MOSCOW'S VERBAL ATTACKS ARE GETTING FIERCER EVERY DAY. BUT YESTERDAY'S ACCUSATION OF GENOCIDE OF THE BOSNIAN SERBS IS ABSURD. IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT THE VICTIMS OF NATO'S MILITARY STRIKES ARE NOT ONLY SERBIAN AMMUNITION DEPOTS, BARRACKS AND SOLDIERS, BUT ALSO CIVILIANS. BUT SERB LEADERS KARADZIC AND MLADIC

ARE THE MAIN CULPRITS (FOR THESE ATTACKS), AND THEY DELIBERATELY HID THEIR GUNS NEAR RESIDENTIAL AREAS. BUT AS JUSTIFIED AS THE FIGHT AGAINST THE BOSNIAN SERBS IS - AT THE SAME TIME, THE U.N. AND NATO MUST PREVENT THE BOSNIAN MUSLIMS FROM TAKING MILITARY ADVANTAGES OF THESE STRIKES. THE BOSNIAN ARMY MAY NOT PILLAGE, CAPTURE, AND EXPEL UNDER THE PROTECTION OF BLUE HELMETS."

5. RIGHT-OF-CENTER AUGSBURGER ALLGEMEINE SAYS:

"WITH THE ALLEGATION THAT NATO IS MISUSING THE BOSNIA CONFLICT AS A TEST FOR ITS STRIVING FOR GLOBAL
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POWER, THE EAST-WEST ANTAGONISM - BELIEVED TO BE DEAD - IS BEING REVIVED AGAIN. KOZYREV AND YELTSIN ARE TOO INTELLIGENT TO BELIEVE IN SUCH NONSENSE. BUT THE ASSUMPTION IS TOO SIMPLE THAT MOSCOW'S TURNABOUT IN ITS POLICY TOWARDS THE WEST IS ONLY BASED ON DOMESTIC POLICY CALCULATIONS. THIS IS WHY WE MUST FEAR THAT A RADICAL CHANGE OF COURSE IS TAKING PLACE IN MOSCOW'S POLICY. IT DOES NOT MEAN A THING THAT THE WEST HAS NOT REALIZED THIS. THE CIA LEARNED OF THE END OF THE USSR IN THE NEWSPAPERS."

6. COMMERCIAL NATIONAL TV STATION RTL OF COLOGNE FEATURED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTARY BY ITS MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT RAINER MUNZ:

"IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY LIKELY THAT MOSCOW WILL CANCEL 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE.' THE RUSSIAN MILITARY HAS BEEN OPPOSED TO IT ANYWAY. AND AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT, MOSCOW NO LONGER COOPERATED. AS FAR AS DOMESTIC POLICY IS CONCERNED, IT WOULD BE A BIG BANG IF RUSSIA LEFT 'PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE,' AND REGARDING FOREIGN POLICY, IT WOULD NOT COST TOO MUCH BECAUSE EVERYBODY IN THE WEST THINKS ANYWAY THAT SUCH A MOVE WOULD BE ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUSS.... THE REPUTATION OF THE FORMER PEOPLE'S HERO YELTSIN HAS DECREASED TO A MINIMUM ANYWAY. AND WITH EVERY NATO AIR STRIKE IN EX-

YUGOSLAVIA, IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT YELTSIN IS SPEAKING LIKE A SUPERPOWER POLITICIAN, BUT IS NO LONGER ABLE TO ACT AS ONE.... THE MORE BOMBS NATO DROPS, THE MORE HIS REPUTATION WILL DECREASE."

7. RIGHT-OF-CENTER THUERINGER ALLGEMEINE OF ERFURT ARGUES:

"IT WILL MOBILIZE NOTHING AND NOBODY IF DEMONSTRATIONS OF POWER ARE USED TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM THE DEPLORABLE DEFICIENCIES IN ONE'S OWN COUNTRY.... THE RHETORICAL GLADIATOR BATTLES WITH THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE ARE GROTESQUE. THE INSINUATION THAT NATO WANTS TO EXTINGUISH A PEOPLE IN THE BALKANS IS AWAKENING AGAIN ONLY BITTER MEMORIES OF THE RUTHLESSLY BOMBED CHECHEN CAPITAL. WITHOUT THE WAR IN THE BALKANS, IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE POSSIBLE TO OPEN SLAMMED DOORS AGAIN. BUT IN BOSNIA, THE SITUATION WILL GET INCREASINGLY UNPREDICTABLE IF NUCLEAR STATES ARE AT LOGGERHEADS WITH EACH OTHER.
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ALL SIDES WOULD HAVE THANKED YELTSIN IF HE HAD MADE PEACE FROM THE SERBIAN SIDE, BUT IN THIS RESPECT, HIS POLICY FAILED, TOO."

8. CENTRIST ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG OF MAINZ DEALS WITH THE CRITICISM OF THE USE OF TOMAHAWK MISSILES IN THE WAR IN BOSNIA AND WRITES:

"THE IMPRESSION IS GROWING THAT DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS AND MILITARY MISSIONS HAVE NOT CLOSELY BEEN COORDINATED. IF THE GENEVA AGREEMENT IS REALLY TO BE CONSIDERED A 'BREAKTHROUGH,' WHY WAS THERE NOT AT LEAST A SHORT-TERM CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT? IT CAN ALSO NOT BE THE AIM OF THE ATTACKS TO CREATE STRATEGIC ADVANTAGES FOR THE BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT FORCES. NATO MUST AVOID EVERYTHING WHICH WOULD EXPOSE IT TO THE SUSPICION OF BEING A WARRING PARTY."

9. GODEHARD UHLEMANN FOCUSES ON BOSNIAN ATTEMPTS TO RECAPTURE TERRITORY IN THE WAKE OF NATO'S AIR

STRIKES AGAINST THE BOSNIAN SERBS. HE WRITES IN AN EDITORIAL IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER RHEINISCHE POST OF DUESSELDORF UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"FALLACY."

"THE BOSNIAN MUSLIMS SEEM TO BE OUT OF THEIR MIND. NATO HAS HARDLY FLOWN MASSIVE BOMBING RAIDS AGAINST THE SERBS...AND THEY, IN THE SHADOW OF NATO JETS, ORGANIZE THEIR OWN OFFENSIVE AND MAKE TERRITORIAL GAINS. THE MUSLIMS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FAVORABLE MOMENT TO PUSH THE SERBS BACK. BUT BY DOING SO, THEY ARE BRINGING THE WHOLE ENTERPRISE INTO DISCREDIT. NATO DID NOT START ITS STRIKES AS AN ALLY; IT DOES NOT AND CANNOT HELP ONE PARTY IN THE CONFLICT GET MILITARY ADVANTAGES BY KEEPING DOWN OTHERS WITH BOMBS AND MISSILES. THOSE WHO SEE IT THAT WAY AND APPLAUD IT ARE MISUNDERSTANDING THE MANDATE. NATO IS FLYING UNDER A U.N. MANDATE.... IF THE...MUSLIMS ARE NOW TRYING TO ACHIEVE ADVANTAGES IN THE WAR THEATER, A NEW WAVE OF VIOLENCE WILL BREAK LOOSE, SINCE THE SERBS ARE BATTERED AND WEAKENED AFTER THE KRAJINA OFFENSIVE. THE U.N. IS INTERESTED IN OPENING THE GATE TO PEACE AND NOT IN A DESTRUCTIVE FIGHT AGAINST THE SERBS."

C. NUCLEAR: FRENCH UMBRELLA FOR EUROPE?

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GUENTHER NONNENMACHER COMMENTS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF TODAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"AN OFFER FROM PARIS."

"ANYONE WHO RECEIVES AN OFFER WHICH COULD BE INTERESTING DESPITE THE FACT THAT A NUMBER OF DETAILS REMAIN UNCLEAR SHOULD FIRST MAKE FURTHER ENQUIRIES. CAUTION MAKES THIS ADVISABLE, AND IT IS ONLY FAIR TO ONE'S PARTNER. AND THIS IS PRECISELY THE WAY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD RESPOND TO SUGGESTIONS FROM PARIS THAT FRANCE MIGHT BE PREPARED TO REVISE ITS

TRADITIONAL NUCLEAR DOCTRINE.... THE STRUCTURE OF FRENCH NUCLEAR FORCES AND THE ESSENCE OF THE FRENCH NUCLEAR DOCTRINE CAN ONLY BE UNDERSTOOD WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE AMERICAN DETERRENT AND NATO'S DEBATES ON THIS SUBJECT.

"LET US BE HONEST: THE FRENCH 'DETERRENCE OF THE WEAK AGAINST THE STRONG' ALONE IS NOT LIKELY TO HAVE STOPPED THE SOVIET UNION FROM ATTACKING EUROPE OR FRANCE. PARIS WARNED MOSCOW THAT IF IT ATTACKED FRENCH TERRITORY, FRANCE WOULD DEVASTATE THE MAJOR RUSSIAN CONURBATIONS (LATER THIS WAS CHANGED TO THE MAIN INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES). IN DOING SO, FRANCE RAN THE RISK OF BEING TURNED INTO A NUCLEAR DESERT IF THE SOVIETS RETALIATED. IT WAS A KAMIKAZE STRATEGY. AND IT WOULD BE SUICIDAL TODAY TO BELIEVE THAT THE FRENCH 'DISSUASION' COULD BALANCE OUT THE RUSSIANS' NUCLEAR CAPACITY. THE 'BALANCE OF TERROR' WAS AN AMERICAN-SOVIET AFFAIR, AND IT WILL REMAIN SO FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

"BUT ONE FUNCTION OF THE FRENCH NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHICH WENT BEYOND NATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS WAS THE DESIRE TO HAVE A 'FINGER ON THE AMERICAN TRIGGER' - THE AIM WAS...TO 'COUPLE' THE TWO SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC. THIS WAS JEOPARDIZED BY NATO'S DECISION TO CHANGE ITS DOCTRINE FROM 'MASSIVE REPRISAL' TO 'FLEXIBLE RESPONSE.' IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE EUROPEAN THEATER FROM BEING SPLIT OFF FROM THE AMERICAN SHIELD, DE GAULLE BELIEVED THAT THE EUROPEANS NEEDED AN INSTRUMENT WHICH WOULD ENABLE THEM TO THREATEN A NUCLEAR ESCALATION IN THE EVENT OF A CONFLICT, THUS INDUCING THE AMERICANS TO GET INVOLVED. THIS WAS...THE EUROPEAN ROLE OF THE 'FORCE
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DE FRAPPE....'

"IT WOULD CONSIDERABLY ENHANCE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE FRENCH OFFER IF IT WERE MADE NOT ONLY WITHIN THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT, BUT ALSO INCORPORATED INTO NATO. JUST AS A CONVENTIONAL EUROPEAN DEFENSE WOULD NOT BE

ENOUGH IN THE EVENT OF A 'MAJOR' CONFLICT, A EUROPEAN DETERRENT - HOWEVER IT WAS 'CONCERTED' - WOULD ONLY BE CONCEIVABLE IN A VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF CASES: NOT AS A MEANS OF COUNTERING THE NUCLEAR THREATS OF A SUPERPOWER BUT AS A DEFENSE AGAINST NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL BY NATIONS WITH SMALL AND COMPARATIVELY PRIMITIVE NUCLEAR ARSENALS....

"THIS IS ONE SIDE OF THE COIN. SOME CLAIM THAT THIS IS NOTHING BUT AN ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP NEW IMAGES OF POTENTIAL ENEMIES. IT IS, HOWEVER, AN INDISPUTABLE FACT THAT FOLLOWING THE END OF THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE BLOCS, THE RISK OF PROLIFERATION OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL AND MISSILE TECHNOLOGY HAS GROWN. FRANCE, ONLY A STONE'S THROW AWAY FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN, SEES THIS MORE DRAMATICALLY THAN NORTHERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. BUT ALL EUROPEANS SHOULD FIND IT WORTHWHILE DISCUSSING WHAT DETERRENCE CAN DO."

D. UN: BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

1. JUTTA LIETSCH FILED THIS EDITORIAL FOR LEFT-OF-CENTER DIE TAGESZEITUNG OF BERLIN:

"LET'S JUST BE MOTHERS!"

"RADICAL WESTERN FEMINISTS WANT TO MAKE ALL WOMEN INTO LESBIANS, FIGHT MEN, DESTROY FAMILIES AND GET CHILDREN TO REVOLT AGAINST THEIR PARENTS. THEY DO NOT TALK ABOUT THE SILENT MAJORITY OF WOMEN, THE CARING MOTHERS AND BREADWINNERS. THEY DEMAND RIGHTS BUT REALLY WANT TO DESTROY WOMEN'S DIGNITY. THEY DO NOT CARE ABOUT THE SITUATION OF WOMEN IN POOR COUNTRIES. THEY HAVE ONLY ONE AIM: TO REALIZE THEIR VISION OF UNBRIDLED SEXUALITY ALL OVER THE WORLD. THE MESSAGE BEING PROPAGATED IN BEIJING IS OLD AND SIMPLE, BUT EFFECTIVE. ITS MAIN CLAIM, WHICH IS NOT ONLY BE PROPAGATED BY THE VATICAN AND RADICALLY RELIGIOUS GOVERNMENTS: WOMEN'S RIGHTS DESTROY FAMILIES. THE CONSERVATIVE RIGHT IN THE UNITED
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STATES AND EUROPE ALSO USES THIS STRATEGY. DURING HER SPEECHES IN CHINA, HILLARY CLINTON NEVER TIRED OF SAYING THAT WOMEN'S RIGHTS BENEFITED THE FAMILY AND THE NATION. IT WAS AS IF THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE WANTED TO SAY: 'DON'T WORRY, WE DON'T WANT THESE RIGHTS FOR OURSELVES AND WE DON'T INTEND TO TAKE ANYTHING AWAY FROM YOU.' BACK HOME SHE HAS TO FACE THE MORAL MAJORITY, WHICH HAS ALREADY DRIVEN HER BACK INTO THE WHITE HOUSE....

"IT SEEMS TO BE A COMFORTING THOUGHT THAT MOTHERS DO NOT WANT - OR AT LEAST DO NOT WANT TO MAKE USE OF - ALL THE RIGHTS BEING NEGOTIATED IN BEIJING. MOTHERS ARE OBVIOUSLY BEYOND GOOD AND EVIL. MOTHERS ARE NOT WOMEN. THEY ARE A PART OF THE FAMILY. THE FEMALE EXPERTS OF THE WORLD ARE ASSEMBLED IN BEIJING: LAWYERS WHO FOR YEARS HAVE REPRESENTED BATTERED, RAPED, EXPLOITED AND MUTILATED WOMEN. POLITICIANS WHO HAVE FOUGHT FOR LEGISLATION PROTECTING WOMEN. DOCTORS WHO HAVE SEEN INNUMERABLE WOMEN DIE BECAUSE THEY WERE REFUSED MEDICAL CARE. ECONOMISTS WHO HAVE IDENTIFIED THE SOURCE OF NATIONAL WEALTH AND CALCULATED HOW IT IS DISTRIBUTED. BUT THE INFALLIBLE ONE AND HIS SUPPORTERS KNOW BETTER. IF MOTHERS ONLY DID MORE TO CARE FOR THEIR FAMILIES, STOPPED OVERTAXING FATHERS AND HAD MORE CHILDREN, EVERYTHING WOULD BE ALRIGHT. THEN GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE BENEVOLENT AND COUNTRIES NO LONGER POOR."

2. RIGHT-OF-CENTER SAARBRUECKER ZEITUNG COMMENTS:

"WHATEVER IS RESOLVED AT THE END OF THE WORLD WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN BEIJING ON FRIDAY MUST SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AND ALSO FOR LEGISLATION IN ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. IN GERMANY, FOR INSTANCE, THERE HAVE BEEN YEARS OF DISCUSSION ON WHETHER RAPE WITHIN MARRIAGE SHOULD BE PUNISHABLE BY LAW. BUT MALE MAJORITIES HAVE PREVENTED CORRESPONDING LAWS FROM BEING ENACTED. WOMEN'S RIGHTS - AND THAT MEANS HUMAN RIGHTS - ARE THUS NOT BEING ADEQUATELY RESPECTED. NOT ONLY IN FARAWAY COUNTRIES, BUT ALSO HERE AT HOME."

E. MIDDLE EAST: ISRAELI-PLO TALKS

LOTHAR RUEHL OPINES IN AN EDITORIAL IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BERLIN UNDER THE HEADLINE:
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"EXPLOSIVE CO-EXISTENCE."

"SHORTLY BEFORE THE MEETING BETWEEN PLO LEADER YASSER ARAFAT AND ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTER SIMON PERES ON HEBRON...ARAFAT APPEALED TO THE EUROPEAN UNION TO MOVE ISRAEL TO MAKE CONCESSIONS. THIS UNPRECEDENTED PALESTINIAN DEMARCHE DURING A NEGOTIATION CRISIS REVEALS THE PALESTINIANS' PREDICAMENT: WITHOUT AN AGREEMENT ON HEBRON, THEY ARE POLITICALLY UNABLE TO PRESENT IN A CONVINCING MANNER EXTENDED SELF-RULE ON THE WEST BANK TO THE ARAB POPULATION....

"THE LATEST INCIDENT IN HEBRON IS ILLUMINATING THE UNRESOLVED EXPLOSIVE PROBLEM OF CO-EXISTENCE BETWEEN TWO PARTIES WHO HAVE ABSOLUTE CLAIMS. THE WASHINGTON BASIC AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PLO FROM 1993 PROVIDES, IN PRINCIPLE, FOR THE CLEARANCE OF ALL CITIES ON THE WEST BANK WHICH FALL UNDER THE SELF-RULE AGREEMENT. ISRAEL MUST COMPLY WITH THIS COMMITMENT IF THE AUTONOMY IS TO BE EXTENDED AND PEACE BECOME REALITY. THE RABIN GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO FULFILL THIS DEMAND, BUT THE LIKUD OPPOSITION IN ISRAEL IS OPPOSED TO IT."

F. U.S.: POWELL TO RUN FOR PRESIDENCY?

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT UWE KNUEPFER PENNED THIS PIECE, WHICH APPEARS IN TODAY'S CENTRIST GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN:

"A BLACK THAT WHITES WOULD ALSO VOTE FOR."

"IN HIS NEW AUTOBIOGRAPHY 'AN AMERICAN JOURNEY,' POWELL PRESENTS HIMSELF (NOT PARTICULARLY MODESTLY) AS PRECISELY THE POLITICAL KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR WHICH MANY AMERICANS HAVE LONG REGARDED HIM AS: A BLACK THAT WHITES WOULD ALSO VOTE FOR. A MILITARY MAN WHO IS USED TO GIVING ORDERS AND HAS A SOCIAL CONSCIENCE. AN IDEAL FAMILY MAN WHO - AS THE FATHER OF THE NATION - COULD STAND ABOVE THE PARTIES AND BRING BACK SOME OF THE GLORY TO THE PRESIDENCY. THIS IS NO MEAN FEAT IN THE EYES OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT BY APPEARING IN SHORTS AND BUYING COFFEE AT A MCDONALDS COUNTER, BILL CLINTON HAS DESECRATED THE WHITE HOUSE....
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"CRITICS SUSPECT THAT ALL THE FUSS ABOUT A POTENTIAL CANDIDATURE FOR THE PRESIDENCY IS NOTHING BUT A MARKETING CAMPAIGN FOR POWELL'S BOOK. PARTICULARLY SINCE THE GENERAL IS THE INVENTOR OF THE POWELL DOCTRINE: THIS STIPULATES THAT U.S. MILITARY MIGHT MUST ONLY BE USED WHEN A SWIFT VICTORY IS GUARANTEED - I.E. NEVER WHEN THERE IS A RISK AND ALWAYS IN OVERWHELMING STRENGTH RIGHT FROM THE OUTSET. TRANSLATED INTO POLITICAL TERMS, THE POWELL DOCTRINE MEANS THAT THE EX-GENERAL WILL ONLY STAND FOR ELECTION IF HE HAS A GOOD CHANCE OF WINNING....

"BUT EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE LOVED BY THE MEDIA, THIRD CANDIDATES HAVE A TOUGH TIME IN THE AMERICAN ELECTORAL SYSTEM. ONLY THE PARTY CANDIDATES ARE SURE OF SUFFICIENT ELECTION FUNDS. ONLY BILLIONAIRES LIKE ROSS PEROT, WHO FINANCE THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN OUT OF THEIR OWN POCKETS, CAN KEEP UP WITH THE PARTIES IN FINANCIAL TERMS.... THE MEDIA INTEREST IN POWELL CAN BE EXPLAINED IN PART BY THE BORING CHALLENGERS TO CLINTON. EIGHT REPUBLICANS HAVE SO FAR ANNOUNCED THAT THEY INTEND TO RUN. NONE OF THEM - WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SENATOR BOB DOLE - HAS ENOUGH COLOR TO FILL THE TELEVISION SCREENS....

"POWELL WOULD BE A GEORGE BUSH WITH A DIFFERENT SKIN COLOR.... SO FAR, POWELL HAS BEEN PAMPERED BY THE MEDIA, AND HANDLED WITH KID GLOVES. AT THE MOMENT, HE IS MERELY FAMOUS, A CELEBRITY. BUT AS SOON AS HE DISPLAYS OVERT POLITICAL AMBITION...THE MEDIA WILL TAKE OFF THE KID GLOVES AND DON THEIR BOXING GLOVES. CANDIDATES ARE RUTHLESSLY INVESTIGATED. THE U.S. MEDIA THEN SUDDENLY WANT TO KNOW ABOUT EVERY DARK LITTLE SHADOW AND DO NOT SPARE THE FAMILY. THEY WILL WANT TO KNOW WHAT ROLE POWELL PLAYED IN COVERING UP THE MY LAI MASSACRE. THEY WILL QBE INTERESTED IN HIS ROLE IN THE IRAN-CONTRA AFFAIR. AND THE CONTROVERSIAL ASPECTS OF THE GULF WAR WILL RETURN TO THE HEADLINES, AS WILL POWELL'S ROLE IN KEEPING THE UNITED STATES OUT OF THE WAR IN BOSNIA.

"WHY SHOULD SOMEONE WHO HAS FINALLY GOT HIS OWN

HOME AFTER YEARS OF LIVING IN BARRACKS, AND WHO IS OBVIOUSLY ENJOYING HIS UNTARNISHED FAME AND HIS FREEDOM, PLACE ALL THIS IN JEOPARDY? BECAUSE HIS AMBITION KNOWS NO BOUNDS, SAY THOSE WHO KNOW POWELL.
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BECAUSE THE GENERAL WOULD BE SURE OF A PLACE IN THE HISTORY BOOKS AS THE FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. AND BECAUSE POWELL ALWAYS MARCHED WHEN 'DUTY' CALLED. THE QUESTION IS, CAN HE NOW HEAR DUTY CALLING?"

G. U.N.: 50TH ANNIVERSARY

LEFT-OF-CENTER NEUES DEUTSCHLAND OF BERLIN CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY OLAF STANDKE UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"INCENDIARY COMPOSITION."

"IF THE U.N. THINKS THAT THE WORLD WOULD ASK TOO MUCH OF IT IF IT WANTS THE UNITED NATIONS TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE OF MORE THAN 40 WARS AND CONFLICTS AROUND THE GLOBE, THEN THIS IS NOT MAINLY A PROBLEM OF MONEY, ALTHOUGH TWO DOLLARS PER CAPITA FOR THE U.N. COMPARED TO 50 DOLLARS PER CAPITA FOR ARMS SPENDING STILL SHOW WHERE THE PRIORITIES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES LIE. THE ORGANIZATION WILL BE FACED WITH POLITICAL BANKRUPTCY IF IT PERCEIVES ITSELF AS A FIRE TRUCK AND NOT AS A FIRE PREVENTION ORGANIZATION. AND IT WILL ALSO FACE BANKRUPTCY IF IT DEGRADES TO A POWER INSTRUMENT OF A SMALL GROUP OF VETO-PRIVILEGED NATIONS - WITH THE U.S. AS THE BIGGEST CREDITOR AT THE HELM.

"IN BOSNIA, THE U.N. HAS BEEN DEGRADED VIA NATO AND TURNED INTO A WARRING PARTY. THE U.N. GAVE UP ITS OWN AUTHORITY, ALLOWED BOMB ATTACKS AGAINST INFRASTRUCTURE TARGETS FAR AWAY FROM ANY SAFE AREA, AND IN THE STRATEGIC SERVICES OF THE MUSLIM-CROATIAN COALITION, IT ALLOWED THE USE OF TOMAHAWK MISSILES. NONE OF THIS IS COVERED BY THE U.N. MANDATE. THE SECURITY COUNCIL DOES NOT GIVE A DAMN ABOUT ITS OWN

RESOLUTIONS, ITS CREDIBILITY, AND PREVENTIVE
DIPLOMACY. EVEN THOUGH THE U.N. HAS TURNED 50 -
WITHOUT RADICAL, POLITICAL REFORMS, THE U.N. IS FACED
WITH THE FATE OF ALL DINOSAURS."
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((FBIS Transcribed Text)) Bridgetown, Barbados, Sept 13, CANA -- Following is the text of the editorial in Wednesday's ADVOCATE newspaper:

"The United Nations is in serious financial straits. Several of its members - led by the United States - owe it large sums of money. But its staff is well paid with generous allowances and first-class retirement benefits.

Its members have complained for many years over the wasteful manner in which much of its money is spent. The United States has complained bitterly of the manner in which its bureaucracy functions, and has been holding back its contributions until there is improvement in its bureaucratic processes.

Despite its financial state the United Nations has no problem in putting on large and elaborate conferences which achieve nothing, except to give the delegates who attend, a chance to visit another country.

Last year Barbados was host to a UN Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. That conference afforded an opportunity to make use of Sherbourne Centre. It also enabled President Fidel Castro of Cuba to visit Barbados and be embraced and kissed by a Minister of the host country.

We do not know up to now what that elaborate get-together cost the taxpayers of Barbados. We do know that there has been no apparent or discernible benefit to come out of that Conference, the main recommendations of which were that the rich countries of the world should increase their foreign aid. Far from accepting and acting on these recommendations, the United States of America, Canada and Britain have all been cutting back on their foreign aid. The conference appears to have been an exercise in futility but the delegates probably enjoyed themselves.

There is now in progress the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China. No one has yet satisfactorily explained why there should be these recurrent conferences on women. No one has yet explained either why there is never a conference on men.

If the Beijing Conference is about Women's Rights, China would seem to be a peculiar choice for such discussions. China, at present, is the largest and most comprehensive destroyer of what are regarded in other parts of the world as "human rights". The largest of the world's remaining communist bastions, China is still run mainly by a male gerontocracy, which is particularly harsh on women. The so-called delegates at the conference will not agree among themselves about the most important issues, such as abortion. Some innocuous and ambiguous resolution will be passed to satisfy everyone which will say nothing.

It is difficult to understand why Barbados should waste money by sending women to the Beijing conference. Miss Billie Miller, who is leading the official delegation, has so much to do in Barbados that

she would be far better staying at home and attending to the multitude of problems that face her in tourism. She has been, quite correctly, attending a tourism conference in the Bahamas. Now she is off to Beijing. Her Bajan office will in effect not see her during this month. The question is: Will her time in China be time well spent?

We think the answer is in the negative, although initial reports out of the Chinese capital suggest that she has made spirited and constructive statements on women's issues. We recognise the prestige her stature brings to international discussions, but we fear the final result will be fruitless.

Many resolutions will be passed in Beijing. We doubt that many will be implemented. Already there are reports of the Chinese authorities harassing delegates to the conference. There are so many other ways in which the United Nations could spend its limited funds to practical and beneficial effect, that the Women's Conference can only be regarded as a waste of time and money. The delegates will probably enjoy themselves but that cannot justify this expensive holiday in the Orient."

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//((Article by Panamanian First Lady Dora Boyd de Perez Balladares))

((FBIS Translated Text)) Beijing -- Did you know that Babson College, space agencies and organizations, Robert Redford and The Sundance Institute, Florida International Institute, University of Delaware, and Didacta Natura -- among many other prestigious organizations -- are interested in forming part of the proposed City of Knowledge?

It is possible that you did not know this in detail. One thing I am sure of is that my enthusiasm is shared by all future leaders, progressive professionals, and women willing to form part of the ranks of development that are being built only with a knowledge and desire to be excellent and have the quality that is demanded by the millennium that is on the threshold of the calendar.

The City of Knowledge, a multidimensional center of research, learning, and dissemination of science and technology, dedicated exclusively to handle humanist-social development and a third category which is the complementary balance of the two previous positions, is presented by Panama as the best and most viable alternative to become a First World.

With the consolidation of this project, an all-out war against mediocrity will be waged and ignorance will be defeated from the installations located at Albrook -- that today house the military

bases of the Southern Command -- that will revert to Panama according to the 1977 treaties. There are possibilities for expansion into a second stage at the Clayton military base.

Albrook has 311 hectares located between the Panama City downtown area and the inter oceanic canal, and it has administrative installations and buildings for classrooms; shopping, sports, and recreational facilities; residential areas for teachers and student dormitories; facilities for community services, a highway system with easy access into the city, and broad green area. What more could one want?

There are governments interested in this project such as Norway, Russia, Ecuador, Japan, Germany, France, Cuba, Israel, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and the United States. The project is being promoted in Mexico and Canada. In addition, it is being studied by the Latin American Parliament and by the Institute of Superior Studies and Aeronautical Sciences in Panama.

There are serious and formal proposals, including UNESCO, UN Development Program (PNUD), AID, The International Institute of Theoretical and Applied Physics, the Pan American Association of Physics at Tulane University, the Physics Department of IBM Corporation, the Research and Physics Department of the University of Texas at Austin, and Partners of America. I am sure that as the project advances, many more will join the initiative.

The project has been the object of international proposals for technical advice from The Academy for Educational Development and George Washington University through the Implementation Strategy Technical Assistance Proposal, with a budget that could reach $1 million.

Those who have aspirations know how important are all of the names I have mentioned here.

With this idea in mind and through the Panamanian delegation that I am honored to lead at the "Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development, and Peace" before the most dissimilar and large group ever to meet late in this century in Beijing, China, we present to the world our purpose of including an International Center of Studies for the Development of Women that will promote an analysis of her problems and achievement of solutions for solving inequalities through the decided and unyielding action that the women of the world will promote.

Education is the key for opening the doors that remain halfway open for reaching a fair and timely solution. Evolution advises that only the best trained will successfully live through the changes that the process of globalization entails.

Our willingness to provide services, our territory, our geographic location, our hopes for peace and rapprochement are our best offer.

The City of Knowledge promises to become the meeting place for scientists, professionals, businessmen, youths, intellectuals, trade unions, political groups, institutions devoted to the search for knowledge and changes for educational development, research, and the improvement of quality of life and of mankind itself.

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1. NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION: FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 14 PRO-GOVERNMENT BUSINESS TIMES EDITORIAL, HEADLINED "NUCLEAR TESTS ARE NOT COST-FREE":

(BEGIN EXCERPTS)
MR. CHIRAC'S CLAIM THAT THE RISE IN ANTI-FRENCH SENTIMENT IS ALL A PLOY BY AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND TO DISLODGE FRANCE FROM THE SOUTH PACIFIC WILL CONVINCE NO ONE. THE RIOTS AND THE BOYCOTT REFLECT THE OUTRAGE OF ORDINARY PEOPLE IN THE REGION WHO FEEL VIOLATED BY A COLONIAL POWER TESTING ITS WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION FAR AWAY FROM ITS OWN SHORES. THAT IS THE REAL SOURCE OF ANGER. AND THAT IS THE REASON WHY THERE HAS BEEN A FAR MORE MUTED RESPONSE TO CHINESE NUCLEAR TESTS: BEIJING TESTS WITHIN ITS OWN BORDERS. AS THE AUSTRALIAN

FOREIGN MINISTER WAS MOVED TO ASK: IF THE TESTS ARE SO SAFE, WHY NOT CONDUCT THEM IN METROPOLITAN FRANCE? IT IS IMPERIAL CONCEIT TO PROCLAIM THAT THE ATOLLS ARE PART OF FRANCE. (END EXCERPTS)

2. BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

THE SEPTEMBER 14 PRO-GOVERNMENT CHINESE-LANGUAGE LIANHE ZAOBAO CARRIED A COLUMN "VIEWING THE WORLD FROM AMERICA" BY FREELANCE COLUMNIST RUAN CISHAN. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE COMMENTARY, HEADLINED "WHAT LESSON HAS U.S. FIRST LADY TAUGHT CHINA?":

(BEGIN EXCERPTS)
HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON ATTENDED THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN CHINA AT A TIME WHEN U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS HAD FALLEN TO THEIR LOWEST POINT IN 16 YEARS. MEANWHILE, WITH THE IMPENDING ARRIVAL OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION NEXT YEAR, PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS BEGUN HIS WARM-UP ACTIVITIES IN HIS BID TO SEEK ANOTHER TERM IN OFFICE. UNDER THIS POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCE, MRS. CLINTON ATTENDED THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN CHINA NOT TO FIGHT FOR THE CAUSE OF WOMEN BUT TO CAMPAIGN FOR HER HUSBAND....

TO PLEASE THE WOMEN, THE CONSERVATIVES AND THE LIBERALS AT HOME, MRS. CLINTON HAD TO CRITICIZE CHINA'S HUMAN RIGHTS ACCORD. HOWEVER, SHE COULD NOT CRITICIZE CHINA BY NAME, FIRSTLY FOR FEAR OF STRAINING U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS FURTHER, AND SECONDLY AS AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO CHINA FOR RELEASING HARRY WU. THESE TWO CONSIDERATIONS RESULTED IN WHAT THE NEW YORK TIMES DESCRIBED AS "AN UNFLINCHING SPEECH THAT MAY HAVE BEEN HER FINEST MOMENT IN PUBLIC LIFE"....

JUDGING FROM THE STANDPOINT OF DIPLOMATIC TACTICS, MRS. CLINTON HAS FOUGHT A BEAUTIFUL BATTLE. SHE HAS MANAGED TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF DIFFERENT AMERICAN FACTIONS AND NOT OFFEND CHINA DIRECTLY. CHINA LATER TOLD HER IN A VEILED ATTACK TO PUT HER OWN HOUSE IN ORDER, AND PRESIDENT CLINTON SAID HIS WIFE'S CRITICISM WAS NOT DIRECTED AT CHINA. IN SPITE OF THIS, HER ACTIONS -- HER SPEECH, HER REFUSAL TO MEET CHINESE OFFICIALS, AND HER VISIT TO MONGOLIA -- FULLY DISPLAYED THE MATURITY OF U.S. DIPLOMATIC TACTICS.

THIS CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH THE DISMAL PERFORMANCE OF THE CHINESE AUTHORITY -- THE RELEASE OF HARRY WU IN EXCHANGE FOR MRS. CLINTON'S VISIT, AND THE CHINESE REPRESENTATIVE'S FAILURE TO REBUT MRS. CLINTON'S CRITICISM. (END EXCERPTS)

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1. "GOVT. IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH AL-FARAN":

-- THE HINDU FRONT-PAGED A WIRE SERVICE REPORT FROM SRINAGAR STATING THAT THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR STATE AUTHORITIES WERE IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH THE AL-FARAN MILITANT GROUP TO SECURE THE SAFE RELEASE OF ALL THE FOUR FOREIGN HOSTAGES. AN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN SAID A GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE HAD BEEN HOLDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ABDUCTORS FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS AND APPEALING TO THEM TO SET FREE THE HOSTAGES ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS SO THAT THEY COULD REJOIN THEIR FAMILIES. THE HOSTAGES WERE SAFE AND ALIVE AS PER THE ASSURANCE GIVEN BY THE ABDUCTORS TO THE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

2. PM RAO INDUCTS 13 NEW MINISTERS; PROMOTES TWO IN MAJOR MINISTRY EXPANSION EXERCISE:

-- ALL MAJOR NATIONAL DAILIES GAVE ALMOST BANNER HEADLINE COVERAGE TO REPORTS ON PM NARASIMHA RAO'S MAJOR EXPANSION OF HIS 51-MONTH OLD MINISTRY, AN EXERCISE PERCEIVED IN PARTY CIRCLES AS A MOVE TO REASSERT HIS LEADERSHIP AND A WARNING TO THOSE SENIOR CABINET COLLEAGUES WHO MIGHT BE CONSIDERING THEMSELVES TO BE HIS EQUALS. RAO INDUCTED 13 NEW FACES AS MINISTERS OF STATE IN HIS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND ELEVATED TWO DEPUTY MINISTERS. HE DID NOT INDUCT ANYONE AT CABINET RANK AND SET AT REST SPECULATION THAT SOME SENIOR MINISTERS WERE TO BE DROPPED. REPORTS SAID RAO HAS SOUGHT TO SEND A MESSAGE THROUGH HIS MINISTRY EXPANSION THAT HE HOPES TO WIN ENOUGH SEATS IN THE LOK SABHA (PARLIAMENTARY) ELECTIONS EARLY NEXT YEAR TO ENABLE THE CONGRESS PARTY TO FORM A GOVERNMENT AGAIN UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP. THREE MORE MINISTERS OF STATE AND ANOTHER DEPUTY MINISTER WHO HAS BEEN ELEVATED WOULD BE SWORN IN TODAY.

3. KFC SECURES COURT STAY AGAINST CLOSURE:

-- MAINSTREAM DAILIES FRONT-PAGED REPORTS FROM BANGALORE STATING THAT THE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT HAS STAYED THE CANCELLATION ORDER OF THE BANGALORE CITY CORPORATION AGAINST KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN (KFC), AND ALLOWED IT TO REOPEN. KFC MOVED THE HIGH COURT ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE CANCELLATION WAS ARBITRARY, ILLEGAL AND AGAINST THE PRINCIPLE OF NATURAL JUSTICE. THE CITY CORPORATION HAD CANCELLED KFC'S LICENSE STATING THAT ITS FRIED CHICKEN CONTAINED MONO-SODIUM GLUTAMATE (MSG) ABOVE THE PERMISSIBLE LIMIT PRESCRIBED BY THE PREVENTION OF FOOD ADULTERATION ACT.

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1. FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING

--"NUCLEAR RIVALRY," EDIT-PAGE ANALYSIS IN THE TIMES OF INDIA BY PUNDIT K. SUBRAHMANYAM:

"IF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY LEGALIZES THE USE AND THREAT OF USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS THROUGH THE EXTENSION OF THE NON- PROLIFERATION TREATY IT DOES NOT

APPEAR RATIONAL TO THEN PROTEST AGAINST AN UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST. IF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAN BE LEGITIMATELY USED ABOVE THE GROUND WHICH IS WHAT THE INDEFINITE AND UNCONDITIONAL EXTENSION OF THE NPT MEANS WHAT EXPLAINS THE HUE AND CRY OVER A FEW UNDERGROUND TESTS? THEREFORE, IT IS LOGICAL TO ASSUME THAT THERE IS MORE TO THE PRESENT AGITATION AGAINST THE FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS THAN THE PROFESSED CONCERN ABOUT EITHER STOPPING
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THE TESTS OR DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT. STOPPING THE TESTS IS NOT AN END IN ITSELF IF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE ACCEPTED FOR USE BY FIVE NUCLEAR WEAPON POWERS AS ENDORSED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NPT EXTENSION CONFERENCE....

"THE PRESENT AGITATIONS ABOUT THE FRENCH AND CHINESE NUCLEAR TESTS AND THE ATTEMPT TO PROMOTE A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN AND FISSILE MATERIALS PRODUCTION CUT-OFF ARE PARTLY DIRECTED AGAINST THE UNDECLARED WEAPON POWERS BUT MORE A REFLECTION OF THE RIVALRY AMONG THE FIVE DECLARED NUCLEAR WEAPON POWERS IN FLAUNTING THEIR NUCLEAR ARSENALS AS A CURRENCY OF POWER.... THE NUCLEAR RIVALRY ON TODAY IS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND RUSSIA ON THE ONE HAND AND FRANCE AND CHINA ON THE OTHER.... CHINA IS WORRIED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEATER MISSILE DEFENSE MAY LEAD TO ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE WHICH WILL UNDERMINE THE CREDIBILITY OF THEIR INTERCONTINENT BALLISTIC MISSILES WHICH ARE AIMED AGAINST THE U.S.... IN ALL PROBABILITY, THE CHINESE MAY FOLLOW THE AMERICAN AND SOVIET NUCLEAR THEOLOGIES OF THE EARLY SEVENTIES. THEY ARE LIKELY TO EQUIP THEIR MOBILE INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES WITH MULTIPLE INDEPENDENTLY TARGETABLE RE-ENTRY VEHICLES (MIRVS)....

"THE FRENCH TOO ARE ENGAGED IN ENHANCING THE POTENCY OF THEIR CURRENCY OF POWER IN TERMS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE FRENCH MAY AGREE TO HAVE A SYSTEM ANALOGOUS TO THAT WHICH THE U.S. USED TO HAVE UNDER THE NATO SYSTEM OF DOUBLE KEY. THE MAIN OUTCOME OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WILL BE TO DEGRADE THE ROLES OF BOTH THE U.S. AND RUSSIAN NUCLEAR FORCES.... THE FRENCH AND THE CHINESE WILL THEREBY MAKE THE WORLD POLYCENTRIC. THE NATIONS THAT ARE PROTESTING AGAINST THE FRENCH TESTS PREFER THE CONTINUED U.S. EXTENDED DETERRENCE OVER EUROPE.... INDIA'S ADHERENCE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY

AND FISSILE MATERIALS PRODUCTION CUT-OFF WILL HAVE TO BE THOUGHT THROUGH AFRESH IN THE LIGHT OF THE INTENSE NUCLEAR RIVALRY AMONG THE MAJOR NUCLEAR WEAPON POWERS IN A WORLD WHICH HAS LEGITIMIZED NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND HAS CONTINUED TO TREAT THEM AS A CURRENCY OF POWER IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM."

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2. BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

--"BEIJING TEA PARTY," EDITORIAL IN THE STATESMAN:

"IT WAS A WIDELY HERALDED CONFERENCE.... FUN AND GAMES OF THE POLITICAL KIND WERE...CONFIDENTLY PROMISED. IN THE EVENT IT WAS A DAMP SQUIB.... PERHAPS THE DELEGATES SHARED ONE COMMON CONCERN--WOULD THEY MAKE IT TO THE TOP OF THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA?.... THE U.N. CONFERENCE DEGENERATED INTO A SQUABBLE, WITH WOMEN FROM THE MORE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES PREOCCUPIED BY TEENAGE SEX, LESBIAN RIGHTS AND FIGHTING THE VATICAN FOR THE RIGHT TO ABORTION. IRONICALLY, THE ONLY STRONG AND COHERENT NOTE WAS STRUCK BY...HILLARY CLINTON WHOSE PASSAGE TO CHINA WAS FACILITATED BY THE RELEASE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST...HARRY WU. SHE DECLARED BOLDLY THAT 'WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS' AND MADE IT CLEAR THAT CHINA WAS NOT A MODEL TO EMULATE. TO WHICH CHINA PROMPTLY REPLIED THAT THERE SHOULD BE MORE CONCERN FOR CLEANSING ONE'S OWN BACKYARD. THE GREAT PUBLIC RELATIONS EXERCISE HAD FAILED....

"AT THE END OF IT SOME QUESTIONS REMAIN UNANSWERED. IS IT IMPERATIVE FOR 50 PER CENT OF THE HUMAN RACE TO FIGHT FOR EQUALITY AS IF THEY ARE A SPECIAL AND UNDERSERVING BREED? IN THE EFFORT TO CARVE OUT ONE'S OWN IDENTITY, CAN A COMMON 'PLAN OF ACTION' FOR THE BETTERMENT OF, SAY, AMERICAN AS WELL AS INDIAN WOMEN SERVE A REAL PURPOSE? AND IF NOT, WHAT VALUE SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO SUCH U.N. SPONSORED TAMASHAS?" WILLS
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1. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE ELEVENTH PLENARY MEETING OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN.

FAMILY VALUES
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2. TWO ISLAMIC NATIONS, IRAN AND SUDAN, MADE STRONG ATTACKS ON WHAT WERE DESCRIBED AS EFFORTS AT DISTORTING THE CONFERENCE'S DRAFT DECLARATION. THE IRANIAN SPEAKER, MS. SHAHLA HABIBI, SPECIAL ENVOY AND ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, DECRIED AN EXCESSIVE FOCUS ON "SEXUAL ISSUES," AND AN ALLEGED EFFORT

BY AN ACTIVE MINORITY OF NATIONS TO IMPOSE THEIR VALUES ON OTHERS. SHE DEPLORED ABORTION AND CALLED FOR A RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF RELIGION IN WOMEN'S LIVES. (NOTE: PRIOR TO MS. HABIBI'S PERORATION, AN IRANIAN DELEGATION MEMBER DISTRIBUTED BUTTONS WITH A QUOTE FROM AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI HAILING THE KORAN; AFTER A MOMENT'S HESITATION, THE DELEGATE SMILED AND ALSO DELIVERED ONE TO THE U.S. DELEGATION.)

3. SUDANESE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL PLANNING MARIAM OSMAN EL KHATIM RETURNED TO THESE THEMES IN HER PRESENTATION. SHE EXCORIATED THE "PERSISTENT EFFORTS OF SOME GROUPS AIMED AT INFRINGING STATE SOVEREIGNTY" AND EFFORTS TO IMPOSE DRAFT LANGUAGE AND MEASURES ON OTHER DELEGATIONS. SHE CRITICIZED A LACK OF RESPECT FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY, BEMOANED THE MARGINALIZATION OF THE ROLE OF RELIGION AND, REFERRING TO "INTENTIONAL CONFUSION ABOUT THE IMAGE OF THE FAMILY," STATED THAT SUDAN ONLY RECOGNIZED FAMILY UNITS BASED ON RELIGIOUSLY-SANCTIFIED MARRIAGE BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN. THE LANGUAGE ON THE DEFINITION OF A FAMILY DREW CONSIDERABLE APPLAUSE FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS. THE HEAD OF THE QATAR DELEGATION, ABDULLRAHMAN AL-KULAIFI, TOOK A GENTLER TACK, NOTING THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME RELIGIOUSLY-BASED DISAGREEMENTS ON THE DRAFT DECLARATION, BUT EXPRESSING HIS HOPE FOR A CONSENSUS TEXT WHICH HAS TRANSLATED FROM WORDS INTO ACTION.

IN EXPLICIT PRAISE, AND IMPLIED CRITICISM, OF CHINA
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4. MANY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' SPEAKERS MADE A POINT OF LEADING OFF THEIR PRESENTATIONS WITH PRAISE FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORTS AND HOSPITALITY OF CHINA. SUDAN HAS BY FAR THE MOST FULSOME IN ITS PRAISE. TWO OTHER SPEAKERS, HOWEVER, HAD IMPLIED CRITICISM FOR CHINA IN THEIR TEXTS. MINISTER FOR TERRITORY, ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE EMMA ROSSI OF THE SMALL CATHOLIC REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO OBJECTED TO THE USE OF ABORTION AS A FAMILY PLANNING METHOD, AND TO PROGRAMS OF COERCIVE FAMILY PLANNING. NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENTARIAN BERIT LARSEN OF THE NORDIC COUNCIL DELEGATION MADE A STRONG ATTACK ON SOCIETIES WHERE PRENATAL SEX SELECTION HAS USED, AS WELL AS THOSE WHICH HAD HIGHER FEMALE INFANT MORTALITY OR LOWER FEMALE ACCESS TO EDUCATION. SHE STATED THAT WOMEN MUST ENJOY REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS WHICH ALLOWED THEM TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER AND SPACING OF CHILDREN.

ON POVERTY, SANCTIONS AND HURRICANES
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5. THE IMPORTANCE OF ERADICATING FEMALE POVERTY, INCLUDING EXPANDED ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES BY WOMEN AND GIRLS AS WELL AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES, HAS A CONSISTENT THEME OF PLENARY SPEAKERS. THIS THEME, HOWEVER, HAS ENUNCIATED WITH DIFFERENT EMPHASES. IRAQI BASSAM KUBA SPENT MOST OF HIS PRESENTATION RAILING AGAINST UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS

AGAINST HIS COUNTRY, STATING THAT THEY CONSTITUTED THE MOST SEVERE PROBLEM FOR IRAQI WOMEN. SPEAKERS FROM SEVERAL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES -- INCLUDING MALAWI, THE CONGO, AND SUDAN -- SPOKE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREASED AID FROM EXTERNAL DONORS AND/OR DEBT RELIEF IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE MEANS TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF WOMEN. AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK DIVISION FOR WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CHIEF RATIBA SAAD EXPLAINED THE BANK'S
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EFFORTS TO INCREASE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN.

6. SPEAKERS FROM SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, AND SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS, NOTED THE TREMENDOUS ECONOMIC DAMAGE TO THEIR COUNTRIES WROUGHT DAYS AGO BY HURRICANE LUIS, BUT AFFIRMED THEIR COUNTRIES' INTENT TO PROVIDE EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES AND EQUAL PROTECTION FOR WOMEN. AN EMPHATIC SPEECH FROM NANDINI AZAD, CHAIRMAN OF THE NGO 'GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING TOGETHER IN SISTERHOOD' (GROOTS), CALLED FOR GRASSROOTS, TRANSBORDER ORGANIZATION BY WOMEN IN ORDER TO RADICALLY TRANSFORM EXISTING POWER STRUCTURES. GRACIE FONG, PRESIDENT OF THE NGO WOMEN AND FISHERIES NETWORK, URGED ABANDONMENT OF TRADITIONAL MODELS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WHICH SHE ASSERTED HAD RESULTED IN DISADVANTAGE FOR WOMEN AND DESTRUCTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

WAR AND NUCLEAR RHETORIC
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7. JASNA BAKSIC MUFTIC, NATIONAL LIAISON FOR WOMEN'S AFFAIRS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, DESCRIBED THE EFFORTS AT PROMOTING EQUALITY AND LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR WOMEN IN BOSNIA, BUT EMOTIONALLY NOTED THE WAR CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN, INCLUDING RAPE AND FORCED PREGNANCY, WHICH HAD MARKED THE ONGOING CONFLICT IN HER COUNTRY. SPEAKERS FROM ARMENIA AND GUATEMALA ALSO NOTED THE ESPECIALLY HARSH EFFECT WHICH WARS IN THEIR NATIONS HAD HAD ON THE LIVES OF WOMEN. SEPARATE SPEAKERS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS AND THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR ORGANIZATIONS AT PROTECTING WOMEN IN WAR TIME OR WHEN THEY WERE REFUGEES.

8. OPPOSITION TO NUCLEAR TESTS GATHERED APPLAUSE FOR SEVERAL SPEAKERS. AFTER DESCRIBING EFFORTS TO ENHANCE THE SITUATION OF WOMEN IN TUVALU, MINISTER FOR HEALTH, SPORTS AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT FAIMALAGE LUKA OF

THE PACIFIC ISLAND STATE DENOUNCED FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS, WHICH HE SAID DEMONSTRATED HOW LITTLE THE FRENCH CARED FOR COUNTRIES LIKE HIS. EDITH BALLANTINE OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM CRITICIZED ALL NUCLEAR TESTS AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AS WELL AS NUCLEAR POWER. THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IN GENERAL DIVERTED MONEY WHICH COULD BE USED TO IMPROVE THE STATUS OF WOMEN, SHE SAID. INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY'S DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION JOYCE AMENTA HAD EARLIER EXTOLLED NUCLEAR POWER, NOTED THE IAEA'S ROLE IN SAFEGUARDING AGAINST MILITARY DIVERSION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS, AND DESCRIBED HER AGENCY'S EFFORT AT PROMOTING THE INVOLVEMENT OF WOMEN IN ITS WORK.

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9. BURMESE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL WELFARE, RELIEF AND RESETTLEMENT MAJOR-GENERAL SOE MYINT HAD HIS SPEECH SLIGHTLY DISRUPTED BY THREE PROTESTERS SEATED IN OBSERVERS' GALLERY. THE PROTESTERS, AND THEIR BANNER, WERE QUICKLY REMOVED BY UN SECURITY PERSONNEL AND THE GENERAL BARELY PAUSED IN HIS PAEAN TO THE HALCYON SITUATION OF WOMEN IN BURMA, WHERE EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN WERE ENSHRINED IN BOTH LAW AND BURMESE SOCIAL CUSTOMS. THE GENERAL DID CALL FOR AN ENHANCED ROLE FOR WOMEN IN POLITICAL DECISIONMAKING IN BURMA.

10. THE PLENARY SESSION CLOSED WITH A GREEK DELEGATION MEMBER EXERCISING A RIGHT OF REPLY TO A SPEAKER FROM THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA. CITING RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS DECISIONS, THE GREEK OBJECTED TO THE EARLIER SPEAKER BEING ALLOWED TO REFER TO "THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA" IN HIS PRESENTATION, AS WELL AS THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT'S DISTRIBUON OF THE TEST OF THE SPEAKER'S REMARKS WITH THAT NAME USED FOR THE COUNTRY.
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1. THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING CONTINUED ON 12 SEPTEMBER UNDER THE AGENDA ITEM, GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. GIVEN BELOW ARE THE MAIN POINTS CONTAINED IN THE REMARKS DELIVERED TO DELEGATES IN THE MORNING PLENARY SESSION.

BOTSWANA: LABOR AND HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER MR. B.K. TEMANE

-- MR. TEMANE NOTED THAT BOTSWANA SPENDS MORE THAN 40 PERCENT OF ITS BUDGET ON SOCIAL SERVICES. THE BOTSWANIAN CONSTITUTION PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MEN AND WOMEN. HE STRESSED THAT BOTSWANA WILL IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW). HE CITED A UNDP REPORT PLACING BOTSWANA NUMBER ONE IN AFRICA ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. TEMANE SAID THE GOVERNMENT IS WORKING WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS) TO MAKE THE CONFERENCE'S PLATFORM OF ACTION WORK, AND TO THIS END HAD ADOPTED A NATIONAL ACTION PLAN TO SPEARHEAD FOLLOW-UP TO THE CONFERENCE. HE SAID THAT HEALTH CARE IN BOTSWANA IS NOW AVAILABLE TO 80-85 PERCENT OF THE RURAL POPULATION AND 97 PERCENT OF THE URBAN DWELLERS.

SYRIA: MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION DR. SALHA SANQAR

-- DR. SANQAR STATED THAT SYRIA HAS PROMOTED WOMENS' EDUCATION BY MAKING IT A NATIONAL ISSUE. THE PERCENTAGE OF ILLITERATE WOMEN IN SYRIA DROPPED FROM 55.2 PERCENT IN 1991 TO 30.6 PERCENT IN 1993. THE PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE STUDENTS ROSE FROM 26 PERCENT IN 1991 TO NEARLY 40 PERCENT IN 1993. THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO STRESSED HEALTH CARE. THE GENERAL FERTILITY RATE HAS DROPPED FROM 7.5 PERCENT IN 1978 TO 4.3 PERCENT IN 1993, AND THE EXPANSION OF FAMILY PLANNING CENTERS AND A NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN OF VACCINATION AGAINST INFANTILE PARALYSIS HAVE PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT ENVIRONMENT FOR WOMEN AND CHILDRENS' HEALTH CARE. WHEN IT COMES TO WOMEN3Q5'L!UPIED
LANDS ARE SUFFERING FROM THE VIOLENCE OF OCCUPATION, DISPLACEMENT, ARMED CONFLICT, ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION, AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. SHE CALLED ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT SYRIA IN ITS JUST DEFENSE OF ITS OWN LEGITIMATE RIGHTS, AND APPEALED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242, 338, AND 425. DR. SANQAR STRESSED THAT THE CONCEPT OF A NATIONAL STRUGGLE FOR RESTORATION OF LEGITIMATE RIGHTS IS ABSOLUTELY DIFFERENT FROM THE CONCEPT OF TERRORISM, WHICH SHE CONDEMNED. SHE ALSO DEMANDED THAT ACTION BE TAKEN TO FREE THE REGION FROM WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, TO MONITOR COUNTRIES POSSESSING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND TO BAN THE DISPOSAL OF TOXIC WASTES AND RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS IN THE ARAB REGION.

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: SECRETARY OF STATE AND DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL OFFICE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN DR. ROSA BOA DE LOPEX

-- DR. BOA DE LOPEZ OBSERVED THAT LATIN AMERICAN WOMEN ARE CONTRIBUTING TO MOVEMENTS AIMED AT INCREASING WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN POLITICS. THIS WORK HAS NOT BEEN MATCHED
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BY ACCESS TO POLITICAL POWER AND POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING BODIES. SHE CALLED FOR JOINT ACTION BETWEEN LATIN AMERICAN WOMEN TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE SHAPING OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURE. SHE SAID THAT THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN BEIJING HAS ENRICHED THE PROCESS OF REFORM THAT IS UNDERWAY IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO BUILDING A FULL CITIZENSHIP FOR ALL THAT INCLUDES EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF MEN AND WOMEN IN ALL SPHERES OF LIFE.

-- PRESIDENT JAVIER HAS APPOINTED MANY WOMEN TO PUBLIC DECISION-MAKING BODIES. THE GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO IMPLEMENT NATIONAL PLANS THAT BETTERING THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE SOCIETY. A NATIONAL PROGRAM OF ACTION HAS BEEN DRAWN UP WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN TO IMPROVE THE STATUS OF WOMEN OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. DR. ROA DE LOPEZ OBSERVED THAT THE PLATFORM OF ACTION IS VERY IMPORTANT, PARTICULARLY ITS EMPHASIS ON EQUAL ACCESS TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. SHE SAID THAT CARRYING OUT THE PLATFORM WILL REQUIRE MAJOR CHANGES IN SOCIETY, AT ALL LEVELS, AND WILL REQUIRE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CULTURE THAT DOES NOT PIT SEX AGAINST SEX.

MALI: MINISTER AND COMMISSIONER FOR THE PROMOTION OF WOMEN MME. DIAKITE FATOUMATA N'DIAYE

-- MINISTER N'DIAYE NOTED THAT MALI HAS ESTABLISHED A COMMISSION FOR THE PROMOTION OF WOMEN, WHICH IS DIRECTLY ATTACHED TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN TASKED WITH PROVIDING ADVICE ON PROGRAMS FOR PROMOTING THE STATUS OF WOMEN. THIS APPROACH HAS THREE ADVANTAGES. FIRST, IT PROVIDES A VENUE THROUGH WHICH NON-GOVERNMENTAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS CAN GAIN ACCESS TO THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE EXPERTISE IN THEIR PARTICULAR FIELDS.

-- MINISTER N'DIAYE ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THE PLIGHT OF WOMEN IN MALI AND IN AFRICA AS A WHOLE, WHERE SHE NOTED THAT IN THE YEAR 2000, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT TWO-THIRDS OF THE POOR IN AFRICA WILL BE WOMEN, AND THE GREAT MAJORITY WILL BE POOR RURAL WOMEN. SHE NOTED THAT A CYCLE OF INDEBTEDNESS HAD BEEN THE MAIN FACTOR KEEPING AFRICA IN POVERTY, AND CALLED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ACCEPT THE REALITY THAT THE SOLE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM, THOUGH RADICAL, WOULD BE THE CANCELLATION OF THE DEBT.

AZERBAIJAN: DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITARIAN POLICY HEAD MS. FATMA ABDULLAZADE

-- MS. ABDULLAZADE BEGAN BY OBSERVING THAT NO WOMAN IN HER COUNTRY HAD NOT BEEN AFFECTED BY THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE AGGRESSION OF ARMENIA AGAINST AZERBAIJAN. SHE MENTIONED THE HUGE GAP BETWEEN THE INTELLECTUAL POTENTIAL OF THE WOMEN OF AZERBAIJAN AND THE REALITIES THEY FACE TODAY, WHICH INVOLVE OCCUPATION, DISEASE, AND UNEMPLOYMENT. SHE NOTED THAT WOMEN BECOME VULNERABLE DURING TURBULENT TIMES, AND TODAY, AZERBAIJAN HAS WELL OVER ONE MILLION DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE COUNTRY AS A RESULT OF THE WAR WITH ARMENIA. SHE STATED HER BELIEF THAT THE SITUATION IN AZERBAIJAN OF "NO WAR, NO PEACE" HAD UNDERMINED THE BELIEF IN THE ABILITY OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO CONTROL AN AGGRESSOR, AND TO GUARANTEE THE TERRRITIAL INTEGRITY OF A SOVEREIGN AZERBAIJAN. SHE PUT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AZERBAIJANIS HELD HOSTAGE BY ARMENIA AT OVER 4,000, INCLUDING NEARLY 500 WOMEN.

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-- MS. ABDULLAZADE NOTED THAT HER DELEGATION HAD RELEASED A STATEMENT ON 8 SEPTEMBER CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL HOSTAGES AND ASKED THE CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON FINDING WAYS TO FREE NOT ONLY AZERBAIJANI WOMEN, BUT ALSO ALL OTHER WOMEN HOSTAGES IN TROUBLE SPOTS AROUND THE WORLD. IN A COMMENT THAT DREW CONSIDERABLE APPLAUSE, SHE SAID THAT CHILDREN IN AZERBAIJAN, THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, IN RWANDA, AND IN UGANDA HOPE THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL RESULT IN EFFORTS TO HELP THEM SEE THEIR MOTHERS AGAIN.

MARSHALL ISLANDS: MINISTER OF SOCIAL SERVICES CHRISTOPHER LOEAK

-- MR. LOEAK DWELLED AT LENGTH ON THE EFFECT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING ON THE WOMEN OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. HE SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT LACKS THE RESOURCES TO SOLVE THE MANY PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY ENVIRONMENTAL, CREATED BY PAST NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING. HE NOTED THAT THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN HIS COUNTRY IS CANCER OF THE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM. CHILDREN ARE BORN WITHOUT BONES OR WITH EXTRA LIMBS AND OTHER DEFORMITIES, WHICH HE SAID WERE UNDOUBTEDLY RELATED TO THE WEAPONS TESTING. HE EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WOULD ASSIST THE MARSHALL ISLANDS IN CLEANING UP THE ENVIRONMENT AND RESTORING THE HEALTH OF THE COUNTRY'S

PEOPLE.

-- HE STRESSED THAT THE RECENTLY RENEWED NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT) CONTAINS A CLAUSE WHICH ACKNOWLEDGES THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF GOVERNMENTS TO CLEAN UP AREAS AFFECTED BY WEAPONS TESTING. MR. LOEAK DENOUNCED THE RECENT RESUMPTION OF WEAPONS TESTING, CALL IT A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY, AND SAID IT WAS AN IMMORAL AND ARROGANT ACT TO USE THE SOUTH PACIFIC AS A TESTING GROUND. HE CONDEMNED THE FRENCH RESUMPTION OF TESTING IN THE PACIFIC AND CALLED FOR NEGOTIATION OF A TEXT BAN TREATY.

ZAIRE: MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY MRS. FLORENTINE SOKI FWANI EYENGA

-- MRS. EYENGA CITED THE LOW LEVEL OF POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN ZAIRE, AND THE HIGH RATE OF ILLITERACY AS PROBLEMS THAT SHE WAS ATTEMPTING TO ADDRESS. THE ZAIREAN NATIONAL WOMEN'S COMMITTEE WAS BEING REORGANIZED TO BETTER IMPLEMENT THE PLATFORM OF ACTION THAT WOULD COME OUT OF THE BEIJING CONFERENCE. MRS. EYENGA HIGHLIGHTED THE REFUGEE PROBLEM IN HER COUNTRY, NOTING THAT IN THE EASTERN PART OF ZAIRE, IT WAS BECOMING IMPOSSIBLE TO SUSTAIN THE MORE THAN 1 MILLION R'67 CITIZENS WERE BECOMING REFUGEES IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY. SHE CALLED ON THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO ASSIST HER COUNTRY IN SOLVING THIS PROBLEM.

MICRONESIA: MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES DR. ELIUEL K. PRETRICK

-- IN 1992, MICRONESIA CREATED A NATIONAL WOMENS' PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADVISORY COUNCIL TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN. A MAJOR GOAL OF THE PROGRAM IS TO INCREASE WOMEN'S ACCESS TO THE POWER STRUCTURES AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. EDUCATION IS ALSO UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 07 BEIJING 040623

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A PRIORITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, WHICH IS WORKING TO DEVELOPMENT ITS HUMAN RESOURCES THROUGH COMPULSORY PRIMARY EDUCATION FOR BOTH GENDERS. THESE POLICIES HAVE MET WITH RESISTANCE FROM TRADITIONAL ELEMENTS OF THE SOCIETY. NEVERTHELESS, THERE WAS AN INCREASING NUMBER OF WOMEN WITH ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, AND ACCESS TO FAMILY PLANNING ADVICE. THE

GOVERNMENT WAS PLACING EMPHASIS ON GUARANTEEING WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS.

-- MICRONESIA FACED MAJOR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. WITH A POPULATION GROWTH RATE EXCEEDING 3 PERCENT, EXCEEDING ECONOMIC GROWTH, THE BURDEN OF POVERTY WAS FALLING INCREASINGLY ON WOMEN. POLLUTION IS ALSO THREATENING WOMEN'S HEALTH IN MICRONESIA. DR. ELIUEL EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT THE WORLD WAS MOVING TOWARDS A SITUATION WHERE COUNTRIES MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WASTES THEY GENERATE. HE ALSO CALLED FOR A NUCLEAR FREE REGION IN THE PACIFIC. HE NOTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S PRIORITIES WERE TO INCREASE WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL LIFE, INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF WOMEN'S ISSUES, AND TO ADOPT THE CEDAW AND WORK FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

YEMEN: MINISTER OF INSURANCE, SOCIAL AFFAIRS, AND LABOR MR. MOHAMMED ABDULLAH AL-BETANI

-- MR. AL-BETANI STATED HIS BELIEF THAT MANY OF THE PROBLEMS OF WOMEN WERE CAUSED BY HEGEMONISM, CITING PALESTINE AND THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, AND GENOCIDE, WHERE HE MENTIONED BOSNIA. HE CHIDED THE WORLD COMMUNITY FOR USING ECONOMIC EMBARGOES, WHICH ONLY UNDERMINE A SOCIETY'S ABILITY TO FEED ITSELF, A CIRCUMSTANCE WHICH AFFECTS WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN A PARTICULARLY ADVERSE MANNER. HE NOTED THAT WOMEN HAD BEEN CONSULTED IN A DEMOCRATIC STYLE IN YEMEN FOR MANY YEARS. WITH THE ADVENT OF ISLAM, WOMEN CONTINUED TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN THE SOCIETY. HE NOTED THAT THE RECENT STATE OF WAR HAD WEAKENED THE COUNTRY, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS OF THE HEALTH CARE OF WOMEN. HIS GOVERNMENT HAS NOW DEVELOPED A PLAN TO ENCOURAGE WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT AND ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN POLITICS. WOMEN NOW CONSTITUTE 20 PERCENT OF THE LABOR FORCE IN YEMEN AND THIS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

-- THOUGH YEMENI SOCIETY SUFFERS FROM A NUMBER OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH SERVICES. IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS TO ASSIST THE POOR, PARTICULARLY WOMEN, HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED. GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE POPULATION GROWTH OF 3.3 PERCENT HAS UNDERMINED THE COUNTRY'S RESOURCE BASE, A NATIONAL POPULATION COUNCIL HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. THE COUNCIL WILL FOCUS ON INCREASING FEMALE LITERACY, REDUCING THE NUMBER OF GIRLS (SD)QQF
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LEADING ROLE IN POLITICAL COMMITTEES, BENEFITTING FROM THE TOLERANCE OF PROVISIONS OF ISLAMIC LAW.

ETHIOPIA: MINISTER FOR WOMEN'S AFFAIRS MRS. TADELECH H. MICHAEL

-- MRS. MICHAEL STATED THAT IT HAS BEEN 4 YEARS SINCE THE

OVERTHROW OF THE MILITARY DICTATORSHIP, AND ETHIOPIA
RECENTLY ELECTED ITS FIRST DEMOCRATICALLY CHOSEN
REPRESENTATIVES, ESTABLISHING A GOVERNMENT OF THE
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PEOPLE. THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF ETHIOPIA EMPHASIZES THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN, SUCH AS THE RIGHT TO CITIZENSHIP, AND THE RIGHT TO ACQUIRE AND INHERIT PROPERTY. THE PRINCIPLES OF CEDAW ARE ENCODED INTO ETHIOPIAN LAW. A WOMEN'S AFFAIRS OFFICE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND TASKED WITH INTEGRATING GENDER ISSUES INTO THE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE GOVERNMENT. A NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLICY WAS ADOPTED IN 1993 BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, AND CALLS FOR RESPECT FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN, EXPLORATION OF WAYS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF RURAL WOMEN, AND AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF WOMEN DECISION MAKERS AT ALL LEVELS. MRS. AL-TEBANI CALLED ON THE CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON THE PROBLEMS OF WOMEN IN POVERTY, AND DEVELOP MECHANISMS FOR ASSISTING THE FEMALE POOR.

CHAD: MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN MRS. SELGUET ACHTA AGUIDI

-- MRS. ACHTA AGUIDI NOTED THAT IN 1982 CHAD CREATED A COMMISSION CHARGED WITH THE PROMOTION OF WOMEN AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS. THIS BODY WAS RESURRECTED IN 1993 FOLLOWING A PERIOD OF TURMOIL IN CHAP. AFU/JQ'CQVATE SECTOR, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND THE ENVIRONMENT. THE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO TAKING MEASURES TO PROMOTE THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN CHADIAN SOCIETY, AND TO THAT END, RATIFIEJSH
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DEVELOPMENT, THE GOVERNMENT HAS
ESTABLISHED A NUMBER OF CENTERS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO RURAL WOMEN.

COSTA RICH: VICE-MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY SENORA ALICIA FOURNIER VARGAS

-- VICE-MINISTER VARGAS NOTED THAT COSTA RICH IS A SMALL COUNTRY, AND ONE WITH A RICH TRADITION OF DEMOCRACY, THE RULE OF LAW, AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. COSTA RICH ABOLISHED THE MILITARY IN 1949 TO FREE UP RESOURCES FOR OTHER PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES, AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS SINCE STRESSED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. COSTA RICH IS MOVING FROM A REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY TO A PARTICIPATORY ONE. COSTA RICH HAS ADOPTED CEDAW AND HAS ONE OF THE MOST

ADVANCED BODIES OF LEGISLATION IN LATIN AMERICA ON GENDER EQUALITY. THE STATE HAS THE OBLIGATION TO FOSTER EQUALITY OF THE SEXES AND TO ENSURE NO ONE SUFFERS DUE TO GENDER-RELATED CAUSES. THE GOVERNME&T IS ENSURING GREATER ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT AND PROVIDING APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS FOR WORKING MOTHERS.

-- COSTA RICA IS TRYING TO CHANGE SOCIAL PATTERNS WHICH PERPETUATE GENDER DISCRIMINATION AND STRENGTHEN THE MACHINERY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN. IT HAS ADOPTED PROGRAMS THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION AND HAS ESTABLISHED A NATIONAL CENTER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN AND THE FAMILY. VICE-MINISTER VARGAS NOTED THAT ON THE BASIS OF RESPECT FOR THE PARTICULAR CUSTOMS OF UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 07 BEIJING 040623

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EACH NATION IT WAS NECESSARY TO WORK TO OVERCOME INEQUALITIES IN THE TREATMENT OF MEN AND WOMEN, AND SHE CALLED FOR THE JUST RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS CURRENTLY AFFECTING SOME COUNTRIES.

BRUNEI: MINISTER OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS MR. PEHIN DATO HAJI AWANG HUSSAIN

-- MR. AWANG HUSSAIN NOTED THAT IN BRUNEI, TRUE TO ITS ISLAMIC WAY OF LIFE, WOMEN ARE ACCORDED A HIGHLY RESPECTABLE AND RESPONSIBLE STATUS IN SOCIETY. HE STATED THAT THE STEADY PROGRESS OF PROVIDING FREE EDUCATION TO THE POPULATION HAS HAD A GREAT IMPACT ON THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF BRUNEI. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ARE EQUALLY OPEN AND READILY ACCESSIBLE TO MEN AND WOMEN. THIS HAS RESULTED IN A SITUATION WHERE 85 PERCENT OF THE FEMALE POPULATION IS LITERATE. WOMEN IN BRUNEI ALSO ENJOY EXCELLENT ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, AND THE GOVERNMENT PLACES HIGH PRIORITY ON PREVENTATIVE AND PROMOTIVE HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN. LIFE EXPECTANCY FOR FEMALES IS 76.6 YEARS, NEARLY FIVE YEARS MORE THAN FOR MALES.

-- WOMEN IN BRUNEI ARE PLAYING IMPORTANT ROLES IN NATION BUILDING THROUGH NGO MOVEMENTS. THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ESPECIALLY NOTICEABLE IN THE FIELDS OF WELFARE, EDUCATION, CRIME PREVENTION, AND IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. NEVERTHELESS, BRUNEI IS VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN, AND THE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE INCREASING CRIME RATE. MR. AWANG HUSSAIN EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S BELIEF THAT THE CRIME RATE INCREASE IS DUE IN PART TO THE EROSION OF TRADITIONAL FAMILY VALUES. THE TRADITIONAL ROLE OF WOMEN AS MOTHERS AND PILLARS OF THE FAMILY SHOULD NOT BE

UNDERESTIMATED. TOO OFTEN, SOME COUNTRIES SEEM TO RELEGATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PIVOTAL ROLE OF WOMEN TO THE MARGINS. THE TRADITIONAL ROLE OF THE FAMILY NEEDS TO BE STRENGTHENED SO THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE ONSLAUGHT OF UNDESIRABLE INFLUENCES WHICH CAN TEAR THE FABRIC OF SOCIETY APART.

SLOVENIA: DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE FOR WOMEN'S POLICY MRS. VERA KOZMIK

MRS. KOZMIK NOTED THAT SLOVENIA IS A COUNTRY THAT GUARANTEES WOMEN FULL RIGHTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, CEDAW, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL TREATIES. SLOVENIA IS A COUNTRY TO WHICH LARGE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES HAVE FLED AS A RESULT OF THE CONFLICT IN CROATIA AND BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA. THE EVENTS IN BOSNIA AND CROATIA ARE A REMINDER TO WOMEN IN SLOVENIA THAT WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE NOT SOMETHING THAT ARE ACQUIRED ONCE AND FOR ALL, BUT MAY BE QUICKLY LOST IN THE FACE OF WAR AND VIOLENCE. SHE STRESSED THE PLIGHT OF WOMEN REFUGEES, CALLING ON THE CONFERENCE TO ISSUE THE SEVEREST CONDEMNATION OF PRACTICES SUCH AS MASS RAPE, WHICH SHE CONSIDERS A WAR CRIME IN THE STRONGEST SENSE OF THE PHRASE. MRS. KOZMIK ALSO SPOKE OF THE SITUATION OF WOMEN IN COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION.

-- IN ORDER TO REMOVE OBSTACLES TO THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF CEDAW, MRS. KOZMIK INDICATED THAT SLOVENIA SUPPORTS MOVES FOR THE ADDITION OF A PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE APPEAL. SHE SAID THAT SLOVENIA ALSO SUPPORTS REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, AND THE RIGHT TO DECIDE FREELY ON CHILDBEARING IS A RIGHT THAT IS ENSHRINED IN THE COUNTRY'S CONSTITUTION. SHE SAID THAT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SHOULD NOT SIMPLY APPLY TO HEALTH

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DURING PREGNANCY AND AFTER CHILDBIRTH, BUT SHOULD ALSO EXTEND TO ALL ASPECTS OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH THROUGH A WOMAN'S LIFETIME, INCLUDING A RESPONSIBLE, SATISFYING, AND SAFE SEX LIFE.

UZBEKISTAN: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE MRS. DILBAR GOULYAMOVA

-- MRS. GOULYAMOVA SAID THAT SINCE UZBEKISTAN PROCLAIMED ITS INDEPENDENCE, WOMEN HAVE BEEN PLAYING A MORE

IMPORTANT ROLE IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE UZBEK CONSTITUTION AND THE COUNTRY'S LAWS PROVIDE JUDICIAL GUARANTEES OF WOMEN'S EQUALITY. THE PRESIDENT OF UZBEKISTAN AND THE GOVERNMENT ARE UNDERTAKING MEASURES TO INCREASE THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. RECENTLY THE NEW POSITION OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES WAS ESTABLISHED, WITH THE GOAL OF SUPERVISING ALL QUESTIONS RELATED TO INCREASING WOMEN'S ROLE IN SOCIETY. THROUGH LAWS SUCH AS THE CODE ON MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY, WOMEN ARE GUARANTEED EQUAL PERSONAL AND PROPERTY RIGHTS WITH REGARD TO FAMILY RELATIONS.

-- THE GOVERNMENT IS WORKING TO IMPROVE WOMEN'S HEALTH BY PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES AS BIRTH CONTROL MEASURES, EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF PRENATAL PROBLEMS, AND ORGANIZING HELP FOR CHILDREN WITH ACUTE INTESTINAL DISEASE.
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((FBIS Transcribed Excerpt)) Beijing, Sept. 13, CANA -- An international grassroots forum on women here transformed an ordered Chinese resort city into a teeming global village - for a week-and-a-half. A parallel meeting to the Fourth World Conference on Women, it ended last Friday with hardly any sign that its momentum was tapering off.

Dogged by controversy and confrontation with Chinese planning and state security, the non-governmental organisations' forum has been a vibrant city of kaleidoscopic colour, political activism and global cultural diversity.

About 30,000 women representing 185 United Nations member countries were in Huairou, forty kilometres from the capital, attending a record gathering of and for women. ((Passage omitted describing general characteristics of forum))

But the women's access to the ordinary citizens of Huairou was severely restricted. Curious townspeople were diverted away by Chinese plainclothes police. Interaction with Chinese people was kept to a minimum - NGO members, officials, staff, accredited university students and security. Bags were scanned by X-ray machines and people walked through metal detectors. But the swell of thousands of forum participants and visitors set off a bleating alarm as guards relaxed personal searches. ((passage omitted))

Dressed in black, women staged protests on violence against women, structural adjustment programmes, prostitution and armed conflict. The Chinese, unused to mass dissent, were faced with hundreds of determined women blocking side-streets in their protests. They maintained intense vigilance as plainclothes officers trained camcorders on protesters, placards and the press.

The issues of the forum have ranged from micro-credit for poor, rural women, the sex trade and getting more women in politics to the effect of economic structures on women.

The small Caribbean contingent has been actively attending and speaking at workshops and seminars. The space to display their nations and their work was a small corner of the Latin American and Caribbean tent. English-speaking Caribbean folk complained that the Latin delegates had been pushing them to the periphery and dominating meetings, activities and space.

One Caribbean Community activist expressed concern aloud for the

future of the Association of Caribbean States, given the Latin Americans' aggressive nature.

People of Caribbean origin have been meeting native sisters and re-affirming long-subdued national identities. Jamaicans from America and East Indian Trinidadians now living in Canada have popped into the Caribbean tent at Huairou. ((passage omitted))

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Linking political independence to equality, the Barbados-based Caribbean Policy Development Centre (CPDC) is calling on delegates here to support a proposal to provide assistance to women of the colonies. Grassroots women argue that if a colony cannot determine its status neither can its women. The Caribbean is home to the largest number of dependent territories.

Women from Anguilla, the Netherlands Antilles, the United States Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico have been urging delegates to remove the obstacles of disagreement to the proposal in the draft Platform of Action, the blueprint for advancing women's equality and development for the next decade.

Grassroots organiser Ijahnya Christian of the British dependency of Anguilla, has told the conference that Anguilla discovered in March this year that Britain's dependencies were not covered under the international bill of rights for women - the Convention for the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women.

"Though Britain has signed and ratified the Convention ... this was not done in a manner that would cover its dependent territories," Christian told delegates in a CPDC presentation. "Our powerful neighbour, the United States of America, signed the Convention in 1980 but has not yet ratified it. This raises questions about equality and development of our sisters in the United States Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico," she added.

Quoting from the Dutch Antilles grassroots organisation, Fundashon Sentro di Dama (Women's Foundation Centre), Christian said the women of the Netherlands Antilles saw their lives affected by decrees about their vernacular language, education and foreign affairs made outside their countries. "The rights have not always been safeguarded by the administrative power within the dependent territories," the Curacao-based NGO said in a CPDC speech.

Under the section dealing with advancing peace and promoting conflict-resolution, delegates were yet to agree to mandate the international community to help promote the recognition of colonial people's right to self-determination and provide leadership training for women of the colonies.

Activists here point to the absence of women from the colonies on the delegations of their imperial powers. They complain that the colonies have no voice in international negotiations, and that in many cases colonial administrations had not received information on the conference on women to pass on to non-governmental

organisations.

Christian told the conference that the first time Anguilla's women saw the women's bill of rights was when it was issued in a United Nations media release that was sent to NGOs in preparation for Beijing.

The full text of Paragraph 151 of the Platform of Action reads:

(A) Actions to be taken by governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations should support and promote the recognition and implementation of the universal right of the all peoples to self-determination and ensure that by virtues of that right, they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development, taking into account the interests of women of the colonies and providing special programmes in leadership and in training for decision-making;

(B) Raise public awareness through the mass media, education at all levels and special programmes to create a better understanding of the situation of women of the colonies."

The Antigua and Barbuda delegation was reportedly piloting the retention of the section on women of the colonies.

Hazel Brown of the Network of NGOs for the Advancement of Women in Trinidad and Tobago told CANA while the regional women's movement is seeking to remove the obstacles to agreement on the paragraph, the women want to move its present location in the document under peace and conflict-resolution to the section on equality in the sharing of power and decision-making at all levels.

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((FBIS Transcribed Text)) Beijing, September 14 (XINHUA) -- Chinese President Jiang Zemin said here today that the ongoing UN Fourth World Conference on Women (FWCW) has promoted understandings and friendship among women from various countries and it will push forward the world women movement in the direction of seeking equality, development and peace.

Jiang made the remarks when meeting with Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori, who is here as a special guest of the Chinese government attending the FWCW.

Jiang refers to Fujimori as an old friend of Chinese people and expressed his appreciation of Peruvian government's efforts in promoting social progress, improving women's status and safeguarding women's rights and interests.

On bilateral relations, Jiang said that China and Peru enjoy a long history of mutual exchange and friendship. He said that in international affairs, the two countries share much commonness, understand and support each other, and maintain a close cooperation.

Jiang also expressed his thanks for Peru's support of China's position in human right and other issues.

During the meeting, Fujimori said that he and Peruvian government cherish profound sentiments of friendship towards the Chinese people, and feel pleased with the great achievements China has made since its reform and opening to the outside world.

He said that Peru would expand its trade and economic cooperation with China to enhance the overall development of bilateral relations.

Fujimori also spoke highly of the organization work done by China as a host to ensure the FWCW's smooth convening and said that the conference will not only push forward the development of the women movement, but also make major contributions to human progress.

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SUBJ: Caricom Statements to Beijing Conference Highlighted

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((FBIS Transcribed Text)) Beijing, Sept. 13, CANA -- Following are highlights of statements made by Caribbean Community (Caricom) governments to the plenary of the United Nations' Fourth World Conference on Women, continuing here:

JAMAICA:

Structural adjustment programmes have reversed many of the gains made in women's legal rights, access to education, health and participation, Minister of Labour, Social Security and Sport, Portia Simpson, has told the world conference on women. Stressing the impact on women, she urged that the terms and conditions of such programmes must be gender-sensitive. International lending agencies should radically alter their conditionalities and adopt innovative measures for debt relief, she added.

During the last 20 years, said the Jamaican minister, the road from Mexico (the first conference on women) to Beijing has been strewn with the casualties of structural adjustment policies, the heavy debt burden and a worsening overall economic situation of developing countries. Poverty continues to overcome women more easily than men, eroding gains and hopes of development, she said. With more than a third of Jamaican households being headed by women, females are more than twice as likely as men to be jobless, she said.

The women's affairs minister said opportunities for migration from Jamaica were shrinking while countries became more protective of what they consider theirs and were reluctant to make room for women and the poor, the elderly, victims of discrimination and other marginalised groups. Simpson joined her Trinidadian counterpart, Joan Yuille-Williams, in calling for women's unpaid work to be represented in national statistics, recognised and valued.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO:

Women's Affairs Minister Joan Yuille-Williams announced that the counting of women's unpaid work was a "strategy for equity" and one of four women's development priorities. The economic contribution women make in growing food and bringing up children - valued at 11 trillion U.S. dollars - makes up two-thirds of all the work women do. Women's ages-old labour of love in the field and the home has traditionally never been seen as real work. Development economists and advocates argue that if this labour is recognised as just what it is - work - it could further improve the status of women in the home and at the workplace. Yuille-Williams reported to the plenary

that last June, the Trinidad and Tobago Senate passed a bill to count women's unpaid work. The bill was introduced by Independent Senator Diana Mahabir-Wyatt.

Poverty alleviation, education and violence against women were three other priority areas for the government, she said. "The measurement and valuation of the unpaid work of women, in particular domestic or household work, was recognised in principle two decades ago at the first world conference on women in Mexico City. Unfortunately, many countries have not put in place many of the policies needed to recognise this valuable contribution to the economy," Yuille-Williams said.

"A major feature of our legislation is that it provides for the recognition of all unremunerated work, including work performed in and around dwelling places, the care of children, the handicapped, the elderly and other care services; agricultural work; work related to food production, family business and volunteer and community; work in the formal and informal sectors of the society."

The minister stressed the bill was neutral in recognising the unpaid work of both women and men. Women's activists have been campaigning for the Trinidad and Tobago government to follow up on its recognition of unpaid work by repealing a colonial law which forbids the unionisation of domestic workers. Yuille-Williams' speech did not mention the issue of Trinidad and Tobago's domestic workers.

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((FBIS Transcribed Text)) Beijing, Sep 14, CANA -- Following are highlights of statements from delegates to the Fourth World Conference on Women:

HAITI: Minister for the Status of Women, Lise Marie Dejean, has highlighted unprecedented poverty in Haiti, exacerbated by spending cutbacks. Shrinking budgets for social programmes have reduced women's access to resources and jobs, who had to work longer and harder without increasing their income, she said in her country's statement to the conference. This had resulted in an undermining of democracy, she said, stressing that investment in women was a key element of equitable, sustainable development.

Though progress has been made, the women's affairs minister noted that far from achieving economic and social balance, two-thirds of the world's illiterates are women and 71 percent of its poor are women. Women earn 30 to 40 percent less than men.

In Haiti, sentences for adultery are very much more severe for women than for men. Haitian law does not represent cohabitation, which is the situation of the vast majority of Haitian women, Marie Dejean said.

The minister highlighted issues of concern to Haiti -- sexist practices restricting women's access to education in Haiti; domestic violence affects most women; and armed conflicts force many women and children to emigrate, condemning them to the uncertain life of refugees.

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