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INFO: ALL AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS
SUBJ: FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN: REPOSE TO GON
REQUEST FOR U.S. PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING PLATFORM OF ACTION

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REF: A) WINDHOEK 2358, B) WIRTH-MCCALLIE LTR, C) WINDHOEK
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1. (U) THIS IS A RESPONSE TO REF. A ACTION REQUEST.
2. (U) AT THE UN FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING, CHINA THE US AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS COMMITTED TO IMPLEMENTING THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION. MANY STATES ALSO ANNOUNCED ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS FOR ACTIONS THEY WOULD TAKE TO IMPLEMENT THE PLATFORM. THE ADDITIONAL US COMMITMENTS WERE OUTLINED BY AMBASSADOR ALRIGHT IN HER SEPT. 6 PLENARY SPEECH. AMONG THESE WERE THE CREATION OF A THE PRESIDENT'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON WOMEN TO COORDINATE FEDERAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION. THE COUNCIL WILL ALSO DEVELOP RELATED INITIATIVES TO FURTHER WOMEN'S PROGRESS AND ENGAGE IN OUTREACH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION TO SUPPORT THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONFERENCE AGREEMENTS. A REPORTING CABLE FROM TO WILL BE SENT TO ALL POSTS SHORTLY. A COPY OF AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT'S SPEECH AND THE USG COMMITMENTS CONTAINED THEREIN ALONG WITH -INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON WOMEN WILL BE POUCHED TO ALL POSTS IN AFRICA ON A PRIORITY BASIS.

(U) IN ADDITION THE OFFICE OF THE SENIOR COORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ISSUES IS PRESENTLY DRAFTING AN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY TO INTEGRATE THE SPECIFIC USG

COMMITMENTS AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION INTO THE DEPARTMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY OPERATIONS. INPUT FROM POSTS, REGIONAL AND FUNCTIONAL BUREAUS AND UNDERSECRETARIES' OFFICES WILL BE SOUGHT TO MAXIMIZE THE POTENTIAL TO INTEGRATE EFFECTIVELY THIS POLICY PRIORITY WITHOUT CREATING ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

4. (U) WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO FACILITATE OUR MUTUAL COMMITMENT TO FURTHERING USG POLICY IN THIS AREA.

5. (U) SEND ALL RELATED INFORMATION VIA FRONT CHANNEL CABLE USING THE KWMN TAG.

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MINISTER NDAITWAH MEETING WITH HOWARD WOLPE

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UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 WINDHOEK 002551

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SUBJECT: WOMEN'S ISSUES IN NAMIBIA: DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTER NDAITWAH MEETING WITH HOWARD WOLPE

1. CHARGE AND VISITING BROOKINGS INSTITUTE FELLOW,
FORMER CONGRESSMAN HOWARD WOLPE, MET WITH MRS. NETUMBO
NDAITWAH, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 30, 1995, TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN
NAMIBIA. POLOFF WAS NOTETAKER.

2. WOLPE IS VISITING NAMIBIA AND SOUTHERN AFRICA, UNDER
A GRANT FROM THE CARNEGIE CORPORATION. A FORMER UNITED
STATES CONGRESSMAN FOR 14 YEARS AND FORMER CHAIRMAN OF
THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA
WOLPE IS CONDUCTING RESEARCH ON POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA IN AN EFFORT TO GENERATE FAVORABLE AND
MORE INFORMED COVERAGE OF AFRICAN ISSUES IN THE U.S.
MEDIA. WOLPE'S VISIT TO NAMIBIA WAS SPONSORED IN PART BY
THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS (NDI), ON WHOSE BEHALF WOLPE CONDUCTED SOME
TRAINING SESSIONS FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS. WOLPE ALSO
PRESENTED A LECTURE ON U.S. FOREIGN POLICY TRENDS AT THE
AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER.

WOMEN IN NAMIBIA ARE NOT ECONOMICALLY EMPOWERED

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM MR. WOLPE REGARDING THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN NAMIBIA, THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TURNED FIRST TO AN EXAMINATION OF THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY. SHE SAID THAT WHILE BLACK NAMIBIANS AS A WHOLE ARE NOT EMPOWERED ECONOMICALLY, BLACK WOMEN ARE AT AN EVEN GREATER DISADVANTAGE AS THEY ARE NOT EMPOWERED EVEN WITHIN THE BLACK COMMUNITY. SHE ADDED THAT EVEN AMONG THE ECONOMICALLY ADVANTAGED WHITE NAMIBIANS, WHITE NAMIBIAN WOMEN ARE ABSENT AT THE TOP LEVELS OF LOCAL FIRMS AND ESTABLISHMENTS.

4. NDAITWAH SAID WOMEN IN NAMIBIA ARE STILL UNDERREPRESENTED AT DECISION-MAKING LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND IN TRADITIONAL COMMUNITIES, WHERE WOMEN, DESPITE BEING A MAJORITY DUE TO HIGHER RURAL-URBAN MIGRATION PATTERNS AMONG MALES, ARE STILL FOR THE MOST PART ABSENT FROM LOCAL DECISION-MAKING BODIES.

5. NDAITWAH STATED THAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IS A GROWING NATIONAL PROBLEM, AND DOMESTIC ABUSE REMAINS COMMON.

FOLLOW UP TO BEIJING CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

6. THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO CHAIRED NAMIBIA'S DELEGATION TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN (4WCW) AND WAS ELECTED RAPporteur FOR THE EVENT, SAID NAMIBIA HAS ALREADY COMMENCED INITIATIVES TO MAINSTREAM GENDER ISSUES. THE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS HAS HELD WORKSHOPS FOR TRADITIONAL LEADERS AND GENDER SENSITIZATION PROGRAMS FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO EMBARKED ON A PROGRAM TO INTEGRATE GENDER ISSUES IN THE TRAINING OF TEACHERS AND IS REVIEWING SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS TO EXAMINE HOW GENDER IS TREATED IN THESE MATERIALS. IN ADDITION THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONDUCT A GENDER SENSITIZATION PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL PRINCIPALS.

WOMEN MUST BE PART OF DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

7. NDAITWAH TOLD WOLPE AND EMBOFFS THAT NAMIBIA WAS COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT NO ONE WAS LEFT OUT IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. SHE SAID THE ISSUE OF THE 'GIRL CHILD' WAS IMPORTANT IN NAMIBIA AS BOYS AND GIRLS WERE SOCIALIZED DIFFERENTLY IN THIS AFRICAN SOCIETY. SHE CITED THE EXAMPLE OF YOUNG GIRLS WHO ARE OVERLY PROTECTED BY THEIR FAMILIES WHILE YOUNG BOYS ARE OFTEN LEFT TO 'ROAM THE STREETS' WITH LITTLE SUPERVISION.

AFRICAN WOMEN WITH A CLEAR AGENDA

8. NDAITWAH, WHO CHAIRED PREPARATORY MEETINGS IN THE REGION FOR THE BEIJING GATHERING, SAID AFRICAN WOMEN WERE VERY VISIBLE AT THE CONFERENCE AND HAD A CLEAR AGENDA FOR CHANGE. SHE NOTED THAT FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE

'PLATFORM FOR ACTION' WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND DONOR RESOURCES.

9. FORMER CONGRESSMAN WOLPE TURNED TO A DISCUSSION OF SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT SCHEMES FOR WOMEN THAT HAVE ACHIEVED MUCH SUCCESS IN SOUTH ASIA. NDAITWAH, PICKING UP ON THIS THEME, SAID WOMEN IN NAMIBIA HAVE A BETTER UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 WINDHOEK 002551

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RECORD THAN MEN IN REPAYING LOANS. THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SAID NAMIBIA IS EXAMINING WAYS OF LINKING WOMEN IN BUSINESS WITH WOMEN CRAFTSMANERS TO CREATE NEW MARKETING MECHANISMS.

10. POLOFF NOTED, DURING THE DISCUSSION, THAT EMBASSY HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY PROGRAM IS TARGETING WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND THE NEED TO CURB VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, AS PRIMARY AREAS OF FOCUS FOR SMALL PROJECT FUNDING THIS YEAR. NDAITWAH, WHO CHAIRS THE NAMIBIA NATIONAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION, TOOK NOTE OF THE POINT AND PROMISED TO COM UP WITH SUITABLE PROJECT PROPOSALS. PETERSON

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IN THE EYES OF UGANDA

1. SUMMARY: THIS ABLE, PREPARED BY MS. RHEMIE KIGGUNDU, A SENIOR UNAID FSN AND UGANDAN CITIZEN, IS PRESENTED TO GIVE ADDRESSEES AN IDEA OF HOW THE BEIJING CONFERENCE IS VIEWED FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE UGANDAN WOMEN WHO PARTICIPATED. WHEN ONE COMPARES US PRESS REPORTS WITH THE VIEWS OF THE UGANDAN WOMEN, THERE ARE NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCES. TIME MAGAZINE STATED THE FOOD WAS BAD, THE PLUMBING DYSFUNCTIONAL, AND THE CHINESE OFFICIALS OPPRESSIVE. THE UGANDANS FOUND THE CHINESE HELPFUL, THE FOOD EXCELLENT, AND THE CONFERENCE MARVELOUS. THE PLUMBING WENT UNCOMMENTED ON. THE UGANDANS DID NOTICE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRET POLICE AND A CERTAIN RIGIDITY IN THE WAY THE CHINESE MANAGED THE CONFERENCES. THE LANGUAGE BARRIER WAS A HANDICAP BUT WAS VIEWED MORE AS A BARRIER TO BE OVERCOME THAN A MAJOR IMPEDIMENT.

2. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE UGANDANS BELIEVE WHAT THEY LEARNED IN BEIJING CAN BE EFFECTIVELY APPLIED IN

UGANDA; FOR EXAMPLE, THE POLITICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL TECHNIQUES THEY LEARNED WILL BE VERY VALUABLE. THE UGANDANS WERE ALSO PLEASED TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED AS LEADERS IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD IN EMPOWERING WOMEN, YOUTH, AND THE HANDICAPPED. UGANDA'S SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE IN APPLYING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND QUOTAS WAS OF GREAT INTEREST TO OTHER DELEGATES.

3. MRS. CLINTON EMERGED AS A HEROINE TO THE UGANDAN DELEGATION EVEN THOUGH THEY FELT SHE WAS TOO HARSH ON THE CHINESE AND THAT THE VENUE OF HER NGO SPEECH SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN CHANGED. THE UGANDANS WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO STAND IN THE RAIN RATHER THAN BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SMALL HALL. ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY THE UGANDANS BELIEVE THE AMERICANS' DEMANDS TO CHANGE THE VENUE TO A MARKEDLY SMALLER FACILITY WERE INAPPROPRIATE AND HANDED THE CHINESE AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK. THE UGANDANS ALSO DISLIKED WHAT THEY VIEWED AS THE DEVELOPED WORLD'S BOTTOM LINE MENTALITY IN WHICH ALL PROPOSALS APPEARED TO BE JUDGED EXCLUSIVELY ON THEIR FINANCIAL COSTS. THE UGANDANS DID VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE WITH AMERICANS. THE AAI SEMINAR ON POLITICAL LEADERSHIP WAS NOTED AS A PARTICULAR SUCCESS.
END OF SUMMARY

4. UGANDA WAS REPRESENTED AT THE OFFICIAL CONFERENCE BY A HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION LED BY VICE PRESIDENT DR. SPECIOZA WANDIRA KAZIBWE WHO IS ALSO THE MINISTER OF GENDER AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND THE FIRST LADY, MRS. JANET MUSEVENI. MANY IN THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION ALSO ATTENDED THE NGO FORUM. EVERYONE AGREED THAT THE NGO FORUM WAS THE MORE USEFUL MEETING. ABOUT 200 UGANDAN WOMEN ATTENDED THE NGO FORUM. THIS GROUP WAS COMPRISED OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, PARLIAMENTARIANS, CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY DELEGATES, NGOS LEADERS, AND PRIVATE BUSINESSWOMEN.

5. USAID/UGANDA SPONSORED FOUR PARTICIPANTS TO THE NON-GOVERNMENT FORUM: ONE PARLIAMENTARIAN, ONE BUSINESSWOMAN, ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, AND ONE NATURAL RESOURCE REPRESENTATIVE.

6. PARTICIPANTS REPORTED THAT THE NGO FORUM, THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND TO DATE, MARKED A MILESTONE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR WOMEN'S LIBERATION, EMPOWERMENT, DIGNITY, AND EQUALITY. ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGING IS THE DETERMINATION OF THE UGANDAN WOMEN TO USE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CONFERENCE TO EXPAND THE SCOPE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR OWN PROGRAMS IN UGANDA. THEY ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON AN ACTION PLAN TO ACHIEVE THIS.

7. THE UGANDANS WE SPOKE TO HAILED MRS. HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S CONTRIBUTIONS AND CLEARLY SEE HER AS ONE OF THE PRE-EMINENT SPOKESPERSONS FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN THE WORLD. THE UGANDANS WERE PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH MRS. CLINTON'S CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND THE IMPORTANCE OF GIRLS' EDUCATION.

8. EDUCATION FOR GIRLS IS A MAJOR CONCERN OF THE
UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 KAMPALA 008268

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UGANDANS WHO WERE NOT PLEASED WITH THE WAY UNICEF
HANDLED THIS ISSUE. UNICEF INTRODUCED IT'S POSITION ON
EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF YOUNG GIRLS UNDER THE SLOGAN:
NEEDS OF THE "GIRL CHILD". THE UGANDANS SEE UNICEF'S
APPROACH AS BEING LIMITED TO PRIMARY EDUCATION. THIS,
IN UGANDAN THINKING, IS TOO LIMITED AN APPROACH WHICH
RESULTS IN MARGINALIZING THE ISSUE.

9. UGANDAN WOMEN FAVOR A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO THE
EDUCATION OF WOMEN WHICH ADDRESSES THE EDUCATIONAL
NEEDS OF THE "GIRL CHILD" FROM INFANCY THROUGH
ADULTHOOD. UGANDAN WOMEN WERE ALSO DISAPPOINTED THAT
THE ISSUE SEEMED TO BE A LATE THROW IN TO THE
CONFERENCE AND, THUS, DID NOT ENJOY AN APPROPRIATELY
HIGH PRIORITY. THE UGANDANS READILY ACCEPTED THAT
GIRLS IN THE UNDERDEVELOPED WORLD ARE SIGNIFICANTLY
DISADVANTAGED AT OBTAINING AN EDUCATION BY HAVING TO DO
MOST OF THE DAILY CHORES AT HOME AND BY BEING DENIED
PRIMARY EDUCATION BY THEIR FAMILIES. HOWEVER, THE
UGANDANS AND, ALLEGEDLY, OTHER AFRICAN DELEGATES WERE
DISAPPOINTED THAT DEVELOPED WORLD DELEGATES DID NOT
TAKE UP THE CAUSE OF EDUCATION FOR GIRLS BUT RATHER
LEFT IT EXCLUSIVELY TO THE AFRICANS. THE AFRICANS FELT
THIS DOWNGRADED THE IMPORTANCE OF GIRLS' EDUCATION,
PARTICULARLY SINCE THE DEVELOPED WORLD DELEGATES WERE
DEALING WITH GENDER ISSUES SUCH AS SEXUAL RIGHTS,
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, AND CULTURAL PRACTICES THAT THE
AFRICANS BELIEVE ARE MUCH LESS BASIC. IT DOES SHOW HOW
CULTURAL PERCEPTIONS CAN ENTER INTO THE DEBATE.
BECAUSE OF THE PERCEIVED DOWNGRADING OF GIRLS'
EDUCATION IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD, THE AFRICANS DID NOT
OFFER ANY RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE "GIRL CHILD" ISSUE
BUT CONCENTRATED INSTEAD ON ATTENDING PRACTICAL
WORKSNOPS ON BASIC TECHNOLOGY, WOMEN'S CREDIT SCHEMES,
AND ECONOMIC GROWTN.

10. COMMENT: THE ISSUE OF GIRLS' EDUCATION APPEARS TO
INVOLVE SOME CULTURAL MISUNDERSTANDING. WE SUSPECT THE
DELEGATES FROM THE DEVELOPED WORLD PROBABLY THOUGHT
THEY WERE OFFERING THE AFRICANS AN OPPORTUNITY TO

ADDRESS A CONCERN THAT IS PRIMARILY A DEVELOPING WORLD ISSUE. SOME OF THE UGANDANS FELT THIS REFLECTED A VIEW THAT THE EDUCATION OF GIRLS IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD IS NOT A PRIORITY FOR MANY DEVELOPED COUNTRY DELEGATES. WE ARE ENCOURAGING THE UGANDA WOMEN TO BE MORE PROACTIVE IN OFFERING RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THEIR PRIORITIES IN FUTURE FORUMS LIKE BEIJING. WE WOULD ALSO ENCOURAGE FUTURE AMERICAN DELEGATIONS TO SIMILAR FORUMS TO ENCOURAGE THE AFRICANS IN THIS MANNER.

11. THE PARTICIPANTS APPRECIATED THE WIDE CHOICE OF SEMINARS. PARTICIPANTS FELT THAT PRIORITIZATION BECAME A DAUNTING EXPERIENCE AS OVER 400 WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, PANELS, AND ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS WERE OFFERED. THEY APPRECIATED THE PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS BY THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND THE PRESENCE OF THE CONFERENCE DAILY NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS BULLETINS WHICH HIGHLIGHTED VARIOUS WORKSHOPS EVEN WHILE NOTING THAT ON THE FIRST DAY OR TWO OF THE FORUM, IT WAS DIFFICULT TO FIND THE LOCATION OF THE SEMINARS ONE WANTED TO ATTEND. AMERICAN CRITICS OF THE CONFERENCE MAY FIND IT HEARTENING THAT THE UGANDANS WERE FAR MORE INTERESTED IN SEMINARS ON THE EFFECTS OF IMF STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMS, GRASS ROOTS CREDIT PROGRAMS, AND POLITICAL EFFECTIVENESS SEMINARS THAN THEY WERE ABOUT DISCUSSIONS OF SEXUAL PREFERENCES. THE APPARENT SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THIS TOPIC SEEMS TO BE REGARDED IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD WAS VIEWED WITH CONSIDERABLE AMUSEMENT BY THE UGANDANS. THEY SEE THEMSELVES PREOCCUPIED BY FAR MORE SERIOUS CONCERNS.

12. UGANDA PARTICIPANTS NOTED THAT THE WOMEN FROM SADC, SOUTHERN AFRICA, WERE VERY WELL ORGANIZED EVEN TO THE POINT OF DRESSING ALIKE AS A MANIFESTATION OF THEIR TEAM SPIRIT. THE UGANDANS FELT THAT OTHER AFRICAN WOMEN COULD BENEFIT FROM THE SAME TYPE OF ORGANIZATION AND PERCEIVED UNITY.

13. THE UGANDANS WERE PARTICULARLY PROUD THAT WINNIE
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BYANYIMA WAS SELECTED TO BE THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR AFRICA AT THE NGO FORUM. ENGINEER WINNIE, AS SHE IS POPULARLY KNOWN IN UGANDA (SHE IS AN AERONAUTICAL

ENGINEER BY TRAINING ALTHOUGH CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY), RECEIVED A STANDING OVATION FOR HER EFFORTS, APPARENTLY THE ONLY KEYNOTER TO BE SO HONORED. HER THEME ON THE NEED TO REASSERT FAMILY AND SPIRITUAL VALUES WHILE EXPANDING THE ROLE OF WOMEN INTO ALL SECTORS AND ASSERTING THE POLITICAL POWER OF WOMEN SHOULD HAVE FOUND MUCH COMMON GROUND WITH AMERICANS.

14. OTHER UGANDAN PARTICIPANTS PRESENTED PAPERS ON: "THE GENERAL PERSPECTIVE FOR AFRICA"; "APPROACHES TO GOVERNANCE"; WOMEN AND MEDIA"; "ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION"; "AFRICAN WOMEN AND DEMOCRACY"; AND "WOMEN IN POLITICS AND DECISION MAKING: UGANDA CASE STUDY". VICE PRESIDENT DR. SPECIOZA KAZIBWE, MINISTER OF GENDER AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PRESENTED AN ADDITIONAL PAPER ON WOMEN AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT. SOUTHWICK

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1. DCM MET ON DEC. 4 WITH MS. NAOMI BECKLEY, PERMANENT SECRETARY, SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, CONCERNING SIERRA LEONE'S PLANS TO IMPLEMENT THE PLATFORM OF THE BEIJING CONFERENCE. BECKLEY ONLY RECENTLY ASSUMED OFFICE, BUT SAID THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF PORTIONS OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM IS ONE OF HER TOP PRIORITIES.

2. SHE SAID THAT SIERRA LEONE IS PUTTING EMPHASIS ON 12 AREAS OF KEY INTEREST:

- POVERTY AND ITS EFFECTS ON WOMEN
- ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS
- ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND RELATED SERVICES
- VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
- THE IMPACT OF WAR ON WOMEN AND THE SEARCH FOR PEACE
- GENDER INEQUALITY IN ACCESS TO ECONOMIC RESOURCES
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- ACCESS TO CENTERS OF POWER AND DECISIONMAKING
- PROMOTION AND ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN IN ORGANIZATIONS
- HUMAN RIGHTS, PARTICULARLY AS THEY PERTAIN TO

WOMEN

- WOMEN AND THE ENVIRONMENT
- THE RIGHTS OF THE GIRL CHILD
- SENSITIZATION OF THE MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TO

WOMEN'S ISSUES

3. BECKLEY SAID THAT IN ORDER TO TACKLE THESE ISSUES SHE IS LOOKING TO STRENGTHEN THE WOMEN'S BUREAU IN THE SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THE BUREAU IS BADLY IN NEED OF TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO PERFORM MORE EFFECTIVELY. EACH DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT IS MANDATED TO HAVE A "GENDER DESK" WHICH, WORKING WITH THE WOMEN'S BUREAU, ENSURES THAT ISSUES AFFECTING WOMEN ARE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. SOME DEPARTMENTS MAKE A SINCERE EFFORT, BECKLEY SAID, WHILE OTHERS ONLY PAY LIP SERVICE. A REVITALIZED WOMEN'S BUREAU COULD BE A BETTER ADVOCATE FOR GENDER ISSUES.

4. FUNDING TO ADDRESS GENDER ISSUES IN SIERRA LEONE CURRENTLY COMES FROM UNFA, UNICEF, UNDP AND UNHCR. BECKLEY SAID THAT MEETINGS ARE PLANNED TO MORE CLOSELY ALIGN PRIORITIES WITH AVAILABLE RESOURCES. WHEN ACTION PLANS ARE DEVELOPED SHE WILL SHARE THEM WITH THE EMBASSY TO SEE HOW WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS OF TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. HIRSCH

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1. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF THE BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS OF OP.33 OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ENTITLED "FOLLOW-UP TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION1 AND UNDERSTANDS THAT THE PBI IS EXPECTED TO BE READY PRIOR TO MOVING TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.

2. MISSION IS INSTRUCTED TO JOIN CONSENSUS WITH THE FOLLOWING EOP: THE U.S. STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE OUTCOMES OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND JOINS CONSENSUS ON THIS RESOLUTION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE COSTS WILL BE ABSORBED THROUGH REDEPLOYMENT IN THE UN REGULAR BUDGET.

3. JOINING CONSENSUS WILL ALLOW THE RESOLUTION TO BE INTRODUCED AS A CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT, ELIMINATING THE CO-SPONSORSHIP ISSUE.

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SUBJECT: 50TH UNGA: DAILY HIGHLIGHTS, DECEMBER 8

1. SUMMARY: PLENARY CONCLUDED DISCUSSION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUTCOME OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN (THE BEIJING CONFERENCE). END SUMMARY.

PLENARY

2. PLENARY ADOPTED BY ACCLAMATION THE UNIVERSITY OF PEACE RESOLUTION. IT ALSO CONCLUDED DISCUSSION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT HELD IN COPENHAGEN LAST MARCH. U.S. AMBASSADOR VICTOR MARRERO RECALLED THE SUMMIT'S EMPHASIS ON INVESTING IN PEOPLE--IN THEIR EDUCATION AND HEALTH. HE STRESSED THE USG COMMITMENT TO ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES BASED ON LOCAL PERCEPTIONS OF NEEDS, RATHER THAN ON OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS' PROJECTS. NORWAY ALSO WELCOMED COPENHAGEN'S COMMITMENT TO PEOPLE-CENTERED DEVELOPMENT, AND HIGHLIGHTED THE NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL TO HOLD A MEETING ON IMPLEMENTING THE SUMMIT ENDORSEMENT OF THE 20/20 PRINCIPLE. THE 20/20 CONCEPT CALLS FOR DEDICATING 20 PERCENT OF DONOR ASSISTANCE TOTALS AND 20 PERCENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' BUDGETS TO BASIC SOCIAL PROGRAMS. PAKISTAN CALLED ON OTHER COUNTRIES TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF DENMARK AND AUSTRIA, WHO ANNOUNCED AT THE SUMMIT THAT THEY WERE CANCELLING DEBT HELD BY THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. CONSULTATIONS CONTINUE ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION.

3. PLENARY ALSO DISCUSSED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUTCOME OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN (THE BEIJING CONFERENCE). PUBLIC DELEGATE JEANNE ASHE REAFFIRMED AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN AND ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF A NEW INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON WOMEN APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT CLINTON. JAPAN POINTED TO THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF NGOS IN ENHANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN. THE RESOLUTION ON THIS ITEM WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. SAUDI ARABIA USED ITS EXPLANATION OF VOTE TO SAY THAT IT DOES NOT CONSIDER ITSELF BOUND TO ANY PART OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM OF ACTION THAT CONTRADICTS ISLAMIC LAW.

SECOND COMMITTEE

4. AT A FORMAL SESSION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE, TEN RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED. WITHOUT BLOCKING CONSENSUS, THE UNITED STATES STATED THAT IT WOULD RESERVE ITS SUPPORT ON A G-77 PARAGRAPH THAT REPLACED "SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT" WITH "SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH", IN THE "INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT"--OR "PARTNERSHIP"--RESOLUTION. THE TEN RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS WERE: COMMUNICATIONS; LAND-LOCKED; SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY FOR

AFRICA; WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT; HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT;
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FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. THERE WAS NO FORMAL MEETING OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE TODAY. ON ITEM 121, THE UN COMMON SYSTEM, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (ICSC) GAVE A SPECIAL BRIEFING ON THE BASIC CONCEPTS OF THE SALARY SYSTEM. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY THE FIRST INFORMAL MEETING COORDINATED BY NEW ZEALAND ON THE ICSC'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A SALARY INCREASE FOR UN PROFESSIONALS. DURING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON ITEM 116, THE PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 1996/97, THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE BUDGET RESOLUTION WAS DISCUSSED.

6. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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SUBJECT: TEXT OF AMBASSADOR'S 1995 HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
LETTER

1. TO COMMEMORATE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY DECEMBER 10, AMBASSADOR RELEASED AN OPEN LETTER, IN SPANISH, THE FULL TEXT OF WHICH WAS PROMINENTLY CARRIED IN ALL FOUR MAJOR NICARAGUAN DAILIES. BY CONTRAST, IN 1994, THE INDEPENDENT SANDINISTA DAILY "EL NUEVO DIARIO" AND THE OFFICIAL SANDINISTA DAILY "BARRICADA" HAD PUBLISHED AN EXCERPT AND A SYNOPSIS, RESPECTIVELY, OF AMBASSADOR'S HUMAN RIGHTS DAY. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED WIDE AND FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO THE LETTER.

2. BEGIN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TEXT OF AMBASSADOR'S LETTER:

47 YEARS AGO TODAY, THE TENTH OF DECEMBER, THE UNITED NATIONS SIGNED THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. ON THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION -- INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY -- PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENTS WORLDWIDE RENEW THEIR COMMITMENT TO STRIVE TO GUARANTEE FREEDOM OF POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION; TO END POLITICAL VIOLENCE, ASSASSINATION, TORTURE, AND ALL FORMS OF REPRESSION AND DISCRIMINATION; AND TO ENSURE FULL AND EQUAL ACCESS TO THE JUDICIAL AND POLITICAL PROCESS.

THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS REFLECTS ONE OF THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL VALUES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR POLITICAL AFFILIATION. IT HAS BEEN A PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THE FOREIGN

POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER DEMOCRATIC AS WELL AS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATIONS. THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS ALSO A VERY IMPORTANT ASPECT OF OUR DIALOGUE WITH NICARAGUA.

AS WE REFLECT ON THIS DAY, WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT VIOLETA CHAMORRO, NICARAGUA HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE CONSOLIDATION OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND POLITICAL RECONCILIATION. BUT, THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES IS A JOB THAT NEVER ENDS. THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA STILL HAS AN AMBITIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS AGENDA BEFORE IT. THIS AGENDA INCLUDES RESOLUTION OF THE TRIPARTITE COMMISSION CASES, NOW UNDER REVIEW IN THE SUPREME COURT, AND THE PROSECUTION OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATIONS OF JEAN PAUL GENIE, ARGES SEQUEIRA, AND ENRIQUE BERMUDEZ. THE HUMAN RIGHTS AGENDA MUST ALSO ADDRESS EFFECTIVE CIVILIAN CONTROL OVER THE SECURITY FORCES, AN END TO IMPUNITY, AND STRENGTHENING OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, SO THAT CITIZENS CAN TRUST IN A PROFESSIONAL, INDEPENDENT AND APOLITICAL JUDICIAL PROCESS.

THE FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES, MRS. HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, PAID TRIBUTE TO NICARAGUA'S DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS DURING HER VISIT TO NICARAGUA ON OCTOBER 12 WHEN SHE SAID THAT "NICARAGUA IS A VITAL FORCE IN THE MARCH TO DEMOCRACY THAT HAS TRANSFORMED THIS CONTINENT AND IS TRANSFORMING THE WORLD." THE FIRST LADY ALSO REITERATED THE MESSAGE DIRECTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING: HUMAN RIGHTS AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE SYNONYMOUS. IMPROVEMENT IN THE LIVES OF WOMEN RESULTS IN STRONG, HEALTHY, NURTURING FAMILIES. WHEN FAMILIES FLOURISH, COMMUNITIES AND NATIONS WILL FLOURISH.

IN 1996, NICARAGUANS WILL BE CALLED UPON TO EXERCISE ANOTHER FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT: THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND TO CHOOSE BY SECRET BALLOT WHO WILL LEAD YOUR NATION -- FROM MUNICIPAL MAYORS, TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTIES TO YOUR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. A FREE AND FAIR ELECTION IN OCTOBER 1996, PRECEDED BY AN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN UNTAINTED BY POLITICAL VIOLENCE OR INTIMIDATION, WILL BE ANOTHER IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN NICARAGUA'S CONSOLIDATION OF DEMOCRACY.

IN CONCLUSION, THE CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF US TO RENEW OUR DEDICATION TO BUILDING A SOCIETY IN WHICH THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF EVERY CITIZEN ARE RESPECTED.

SINCERELY,

JOHN MAISTO, AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES

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1. SUMMARY: THREE MAJOR NICARAGUAN HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS TOOK FULL ADVANTAGE OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY DECEMBER 10 TO DEBATE PUBLICLY AND IN EDITORIAL PAGES A WIDE RANGE OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. TWO GROUPS EMPHASIZED WOMEN'S RIGHTS, ALONG THE LINES OF THE BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. CARDINAL MIGUEL OBANDO Y BRAVO AND OAS/CIAV (INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SUPPORT AND VERIFICATION) DIRECTOR SERGIO CARAMAGNA WERE HONORED BY ANPDH FOR THEIR LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY-BUILDING IN NICARAGUA. PRESIDENT CHAMORRO PRESENTED THE AWARDS TO OBANDO AND CARAMAGNA, BUT WAS VISIBLY UNCOMFORTABLE AS OTHER SPEAKERS CRITICIZED HER GOVERNMENT FOR FAILING TO LIVE UP TO ITS COMMITMENTS AS PART OF THE 1990 DEMOBILIZATION ACCORDS AND FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DEFICIENCIES DURING HER TENURE. SANDINISTA PRESS EDITORIALS FOCUSED ATTENTION ON DETERIORATING SOCIAL, HEALTH AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. AMBASSADOR MAISTO'S HUMAN RIGHTS DAY "OPEN LETTER" WAS CARRIED IN FULL ON DECEMBER 10 BY ALL FOUR NICARAGUAN DAILIES (REFTEL). END SUMMARY.

2. THREE MAJOR HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS EACH HOSTED A PUBLIC EVENT TO COMMEMORATE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY. CPDH'S EVENT, HELD IN MANAGUA'S OLOF PALME CONVENTION CENTER DECEMBER 9, HIGHLIGHTED WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND ECHOED SEVERAL OF THE THEMES FROM LAST SEPTEMBER'S BEIJING WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN. SPEAKERS FOCUSED ON THE NEED TO EQUATE WOMEN'S RIGHTS WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AND DESCRIBED THE SERIOUS ABUSES NICARAGUAN WOMEN MUST CONSTANTLY CONFRONT, INCLUDING LACK OF EDUCATION,

WORK, HEALTH CARE AND POLITICAL INFLUENCE, AS WELL AS INCEST, RAPE, AND PHYSICAL ABUSE. THE CHAMORRO GOVERNMENT WAS WELL AS INCEST, RAPE, AND PHYSICAL ABUSE. THE CHAMORRO GOVERNMENT WAS CRITICIZED FOR FAILING TO PROMOTE WOMEN'S RIGHTS MORE VIGOROUSLY, EVEN THOUGH BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT ARE WOMEN. AN EDITORIAL BY CPDH PRESIDENT LINO HERNANDEZ IN THE FSLN DAILY "BARRICADA" DISCUSSED THE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON HUMAN RIGHTS OF RAMPANT UNEMPLOYMENT, GROSSLY INADEQUATE HEALTH CARE, DEPLORABLE PRISON CONDITIONS AND THE FAILURE OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO RENDER JUSTICE IN THE LA MARANOSA KILLINGS EARLIER THIS YEAR.

3. ANPDH USED ITS INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY COMMEMORATION TO DECORATE CARDINAL MIGUEL OBANDO Y BRAVO AND OAS/CIAV DIRECTOR SERGIO CARAMAGNA FOR THEIR LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN NICARAGUA. IN A WELL-ATTENDED CEREMONY AT THE OLOF PALME DECEMBER 11, PRESIDENT CHAMORRO AT THE LAST MINUTE WAS INVEIGLED INTO PRESENTING THE AWARD TO CARAMAGNA, WHO ACCEPTED IT ON BEHALF OF OAS SECGEN GAVIRIA AND CREDITED THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE FOR ADVANCES IN DEMOCRACY AND RECONCILIATION TO DATE. THE PRESIDENT WAS VISIBLY UNCOMFORTABLE FROM HER POSITION ON THE DAIS AS OTHER SPEAKERS CRITICIZED HER GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO LIVE UP TO SOME OF THE COMMITMENTS IT MADE WITH EX-COMBATANTS ON BOTH SIDES AS PART OF THE 1990 DEMOBILIZATION ACCORDS AS WELL AS OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS DEFICIENCIES DURING HER TENURE. IN HIS REMARKS, THE CARDINAL STRESSED THE NEED TO REDISCOVER THE DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON BECAUSE HUMAN DIGNITY IS THE FUNDAMENTAL BASIS OF EQUALITY AMONG PERSONS. POLICE OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY, BUT THE ARMY OF NICARAGUA WAS NOTICEABLE BY ITS ABSENCE.

4. THE PRO-SANDINISTA GROUP CENIDH HOSTED A SEMINAR DECEMBER 11 ENTITLED "WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS: FROM VIENNA TO BEIJING." LIKE CPDH, CENIDH FOCUSED PRINCIPALLY ON WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS. SPEAKERS POINTED OUT THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND INADEQUATE LEGISLATION TO PROTECT WOMEN FROM IT ARE TWO OF THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS IN NICARAGUA. CENIDH DIRECTOR VILMA NUNEZ WARNED AGAINST THE "FEMINIZATION OF POVERTY" AND URGED PARTICIPANTS TO BRING WOMEN'S ISSUES TO THE FOREFRONT OF PUBLIC DEBATE. IN HER EDITORIAL PUBLISHED DECEMBER 10 IN "BARRICADA," NUNEZ BLAMED THE CHAMORRO GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES FOR DETERIORATING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WHICH HAVE LED TO AN EROSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND AN INCREASE IN VIOLENCE. SANDINISTA LEGISLATOR DORIS TIJERINO ECHOED THE THEME THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT POLICIES HAVE HURT THE "UNPROTECTED" POPULATION, INCLUDING CAMPESINOS AND FORMER COMBATANTS, AND THAT THIS SECTOR OF THE POPULATION FEELS MOST ABANDONED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND VULNERABLE TO HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES.

5. COMMENT: SPIRITED PUBLIC DEBATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IS CERTAINLY WELCOMED AND HEALTHY AND NOW PRETTY MUCH THE NORM IN NICARAGUA. THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAS PARTIALLY PASSED LEGISLATION TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT HUMAN RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN. A FULLY FUNCTIONING OMBUDSMAN WITH ADEQUATE RESOURCES COULD GO A LONG WAY TO INSTILLING A SENSE OF

ADVOCACY TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS AGENDA IN NICARAGUA. DESPITE
THE REPORTS THE MAJOR HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS PRODUCE AND THE
DEBATES THEY SPONSOR, THE GROUPS HAVE YET TO TAKE ON A TRUE
ADVOCACY ROLE. CREATION OF THE OMBUDSMAN MAY BE JUST THE
CATALYST THEY NEED.

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SUBJECT: 50TH UNGA: DAILY HIGHLIGHTS, DECEMBER 13

1. SUMMARY: SECOND COMMITTEE ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS ON A VARIETY OF DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES. THIRD COMMITTEE ADDRESSED A SERIES OF HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS. END SUMMARY.

SECOND COMMITTEE

2. ON DECEMBER 12, THE SECOND COMMITTEE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS ALL OUTSTANDING DRAFTS BUT ONE. THOSE DRAFTS COVERED FINANCING OF DEVELOPMENT, EXTERNAL DEBT, THE SECOND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DECADE OF AFRICA, TRADE, LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, BUSINESS (US INITIATIVE), POVERTY, AGENDA 21 IMPLEMENTATION, TRIENNIAL POLICY REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND THE POPULATION CONFERENCE IMPLEMENTATION. THE DRAFT BIENNIAL PROGRAM OF WORK FOR 1996-7, FAXED TO IO/ESA DEC 11, WAS ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 13. IN CLOSING, THE CHAIR NOTED 42 PROPOSALS ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE, AND ACCOMPLISHED IN RECORD TIME DUE TO MORE EFFICIENT USE OF CONFERENCE SERVICES RESOURCES. THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO THE GA PLENARY IS SLATED FOR DECEMBER 19.

THIRD COMMITTEE

3. THIRD COMMITTEE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON:

- THE PROPOSED MERGER OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND THE UN DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN;
- VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN MIGRANT WORKERS;
- AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 20, PARA 1 OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN;
- FOLLOW-UP TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION (CHAIRMAN'S TEXT);
- STRENGTHENING UN ACTION IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND THE IMPORTANCE OF NON-SELECTIVITY, IMPARTIALITY AND OBJECTIVITY;
- IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE EARLY WARNING AND PREVENTION OF MASS EXODUSES AND IN THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OF THE UN (U.S. CO-SPONSO);
- ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE (U.S. CO-SPONSOR);
- RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT;
- PROTECTION OF AND ASSISTANCE TO INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE; AND
- HUMAN RIGHTS AND TERRORISM.

4. THIRD COMMITTEE VOTED ON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

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-- RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND
NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES IN
THEIR ELECTORAL PROCESSES. U.S. CALLED FOR A VOTE.
RESOLUTION ADOPTED 78-56(U.S.)-19;
-- RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT TO UNIVERSAL FREEDOM OF TRAVEL
AND VITAL IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION. U.S. CALLED
FOR A VOTE. RESOLUTION ADOPTED 73-4(U.S.)-70;
-- STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF THE UN IN ENHANCING THE
EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PRINCIPLE OF PERIODIC AND GENUINE
ELECTIONS AND THE PROMOTION OF DEMOCRATIZATION (U.S.
RESOLUTION). CUBA CALLED FOR A VOTE. RESOLUTION ADOPTED
143(U.S.)-0-14;
-- SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN (U.S. CO-SPONSOR).
QATAR CALLED FOR A VOTE. RESOLUTION ADOPTED 73(U.S.)-4-70;
-- SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAQ (U.S. CO-SPONSOR).
IRAQ CALLED FOR A VOTE. RESOLUTION ADOPTED 104(U.S.)-4-49;
-- RAPE AND ABUSE
OF WOMEN IN THE AREAS OF ARMED CONFLICT
IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA (U.S. CO-SPONSOR). RUSSIA CALLED
FOR VOTE ON PREAMBULAR PARA 6, WHICH REFERRED TO RAPES BY
THE BOSNIAN SERBS. PARA ADOPTED 133(U.S.)-1(RUSSIA)-11.
RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.
-- SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN SUDAN (U.S. RESOLUTION).
RQIITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CUBA (U.S. RESOLUTION).
RESOLUTION ADOPTED 62(U.S.)-23-73.

5. ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION OF HUMAN
RIGHTS IN NIGERIA WAS POSTPONED UNTIL THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 14, 1995.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS CONTINUED ON ITEM 116, THE
PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 1996/97, WITH A WEALTH OF
PROPOSALS FROM THE US, THE EU, CANADA, AND THE G-77 BEING
CONSIDERED. A SECOND READING OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION IS
EXPECTED BY THE END OF THE WEEK.

7. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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ON WOMEN

1. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN WAS DELIVERED BY JEANNE MOUTOUSSAMY-ASHE, UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 50TH UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN PLENARY, ON DECEMBER 8, 1995:

MR. CHAIRMAN, I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT THE VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING EFFORTS TO FOLLOW-UP THE FOURTH WORLD CONERENCE ON WOMEN. MY GOVERNMENT WAS WELL PLEASED WITH THE ADOPTION BY THAT CONFERENCE OF A FORWARD-LOOKING PLATFORM FOR ACTION. THAT PLATFORM WILL SERVE AS A BLUEPRINT FOR EFFORTS TO ENABLE WOMEN TO PARTICIPATE FULLY AS CITIZENS IN SOCIETIES AROUND THE GLOBE. THE FOCUS NOW SHIFTS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLATFORM, AND TO REMOVING OBSTACLES TO ITS FULFILLMENT THAT EXIST IN EACH COUNTRY.

MY GOVERNMENT WAS GRATIFIED THAT, DESPITE THE UNPRECEDENTED DIVERSITY OF THOSE REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE, AN UNPRECEDENTED DEGREE OF COMMON GROUND WAS CREATED. CONSENSUS IN BEIJING REVOLVED AROUND THESE BASIC PRINCIPLES:

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN MUST STOP;

GIRLS MUST BE VALUED EQUALLY WITH BOYS;

WOMEN MUST HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE AND THE LEVERS OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL POWER;

FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES SHOULD BE SHARED; AND

THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN ARE AN INTEGRAL COMPONENT OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS; THEY ARE NEITHER SEPARABLE NOR DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF MEN.

A HALF CENTURY AGO, A GREAT FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, WAS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THIS YEAR, AMERICANS WERE PROUD THAT ANOTHER COURAGEOUS FIRST LADY, HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, ELOQUENTLY REAFFIRMED AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO THAT DECLARATION AND ITS APPLICATION TO ALL PEOPLE.

THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION IS NOT A DOCUMENT OF EAST, WEST, NORTH OR SOUTH. IT FINDS ITS SPIRITUAL AND MORAL ROOTS IN ALL CULTURES.

AT ITS HEART IS A FUNDAMENTAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN COERCION AND FREEDOM. IN APPLYING IT TODAY, WE MUST AFFIRM THAT NO MOTHER SHOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO ABANDON HER DAUGHTER BECAUSE OF A SOCIETAL PREFERENCE FOR MALES. NO WOMAN OR GIRL SHOULD BE FORCED TO UNDERGO GENITAL MUTILATION, OR TO HAVE AN ABORTION, OR TO ENGAGE IN PROSTITUTION, OR TO ENTER INTO MARRIAGE OR TO HAVE SEX. NO WOMAN SHOULD BE FORCED TO REMAIN SILENT FOR FEAR OF POLITICAL PERSECUTION, DETENTION, ABUSE OR TORTURE. EVERY WOMAN SHOULD BE FREE TO MAKE HER OWN DECISIONS ABOUT HEALTH, INCLUDING HER OWN FERTILITY. AND ALL WOMEN SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO HELP SHAPE THE DESTINY OF THEIR COMMUNITIES AND COUNTRIES.

THESE ARE SIMPLE PRINCIPLES, BUT IF THEY WERE OBSERVED AROUND THE WORLD, THEY WOULD HAVE ASTONISHING RESULTS.

DESPITE RECENT GAINS, WOMEN REMAIN AN UNDERVALUED AND UNDERDEVELOPED HUMAN RESOURCE. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT WOMEN HAVE TROUBLE FINDING WORK. IN MANY SOCIETIES, IN ADDITION TO BEARING THE CHILDREN, THEY DO MOST OF THE NON-CHILD RELATED WORK. BUT OFTEN THEY ARE BARRED FROM OWNING LAND, EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOLS, DENIED FINANCIAL CREDIT, PROVIDED LESS NOURISHMENT AND PERMITTED LITTLE OR NO VOICE IN GOVERNMENT.

IT IS NO ACCIDENT THAT MOST OF THOSE IN THE WORLD WHO ARE ABJECTLY POOR ARE WOMEN. FREQUENTLY, THEY ARE LEFT TO CARE FOR CHILDREN WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE CHILDREN'S FATHER. MANY ARE TRAPPED AT A YOUNG AGE IN A WEB OF IGNORANCE, POWERLESSNESS AND ABUSE.

CONSIDER THAT MORE THAN HALF THE MURDERS OF WOMEN IN MANY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, ARE COMMITTED BY PRESENT OR FORMER SPOUSES OR PARTNERS.

IN SOME PLACES, WE HAVE REPORTS THAT CHILD PROSTITUTION IS GROWING BECAUSE CLIENTS BELIEVE OLDER

PROSTITUTES ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE INFECTED BY HIV.

IN MANY RURAL SOCIETIES, WOMEN PERFORM MUCH OF THE FARMING AND ALL OF THE CHILD REARING, BUT ARE DENIED A ROLE IN FINANCIAL DECISIONS.

AND ALMOST EVERYWHERE, WOMEN ARE HURT BY
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DISCRIMINATION AND BY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURES
THAT ARE UNJUST.

THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE COULD NOT SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS OVERNIGHT, BUT IT COULD--AND DID--OUTLINE A PLAN FOR ADDRESSING THEM. THIS MATTERS NOT ONLY TO WOMEN, BUT TO EVERYONE. RELEASING THE PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY OF WOMEN IS ONE KEY TO BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY AND IMPROVING STANDARDS OF LIFE EVERYWHERE. WHEN WOMEN ARE EMPOWERED, FAMILIES ARE STRENGTHENED, SOCIALLY-CONSTRUCTIVE VALUES ARE TAUGHT, SEXUALLY-TRANSMITTED DISEASE IS SLOWED AND TRULY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT BECOMES POSSIBLE.

IF MEASURED BY THE CORE PRINCIPLES AFFIRMED IN BEIJING, THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE WAS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD. BUT THE TRUE MEASURE OF ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS WILL BE FOUND NOT IN WHAT HAPPENED THERE, BUT IN WHAT HAPPENS NOW--IN THE ACTIONS TAKEN TO FULFILL THE COMMITMENTS MADE THERE.

HERE, GOVERNMENTS WILL HAVE THE PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY. BUT THE UNITED NATIONS CAN PERFORM THREE VITAL FUNCTIONS.

FIRST, IT CAN SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE BY ACCORDING WOMEN FAIR AND EQUAL TREATMENT WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION AND IN PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY IT.

SECOND, IT CAN COORDINATE ACTIONS TO ADVANCE THE STATUS OF WOMEN BY INVENTORYING AND PRIORITIZING RECOMMENDATIONS MADE NOT ONLY AT BEIJING, BUT IN RELATED CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS PRECEDING BEIJING.

AND THIRD, IT CAN MONITOR AND REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION AROUND THE WORLD.

IN THIS CONTEXT, MY GOVERNMENT IS PLEASED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S COMMITMENT TO ASSURE STRONG COORDINATION OF THESE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE CONFERENCE.

MY GOVERNMENT IS ALSO PLEASED TO PROVIDE THIS ASSURANCE: THE UNITED STATES IS DETERMINED TO MEET THE COMMITMENTS OUTLINED IN BEIJING BY AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT TO IMPLEMENT THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION.

OUR EFFORTS WILL FOCUS, IN PARTICULAR, ON COMBATING THE VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; IMPROVING WOMEN'S HEALTH; INCREASING AWARENESS ABOUT AIDS; DEVELOPING WORK ENVIRONMENTS THAT ARE FAMILY-FRIENDLY; AND ENCOURAGING ACCESS BY WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS TO CREDIT.

THESE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL BE COORDINATED BY A NEW INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON WOMEN APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT CLINTON FOR PRECISELY THIS PURPOSE.

IN RECENT DECADES, IN THE UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE WORLD, OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN HAVE EXPANDED. IT IS NO LONGER A QUESTION OF WHETHER WOMEN FROM ALL COUNTRIES WILL HAVE A STRONG VOICE IN CONTROLLING THEIR DESTINIES, BUT ONLY WHEN AND HOW THAT GOAL WILL BE ACHIEVED.

BUT BUILDING INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES IS STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS. THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN WORKING ON IT FOR TWO CENTURIES. FOR MORE THAN HALF OUR NATION'S HISTORY, UNTIL 75 YEARS AGO THIS PAST AUGUST, AMERICAN WOMEN COULD NOT EVEN VOTE. MANY TRADITIONAL OR AUTHORITARIAN SOCIETIES STILL HAVE A VERY LONG WAY TO GO. THE FOURTH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE OFFERS A ROADMAP EVERY COUNTRY CAN USE TO MOVE FORWARD, WHATEVER CURRENT PRACTICES AND POLICIES MAY BE.

THE PLATFORM ALSO PROVIDES NGO'S AND OTHER GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS WITH AN INTERNATIONALLY-APPROVED STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND GOALS TO BE USED AS LEVERAGE IN PURSUIT OF FURTHER POSITIVE CHANGE. IN SO DOING, IT WILL LEND MOMENTUM TO ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN IN CLASSROOMS, LIVING ROOMS, COURT ROOMS AND BOARD ROOMS AROUND THE WORLD; ACTIONS TO TRANSLATE PROMISE INTO REALITY, AND TO MAKE THE IDEA OF EQUALITY COME TRUE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES.

THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IS PART OF A CENTURIES LONG PROCESS OF ADJUSTMENT TO A CHANGING TECHNOLOGICAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT. IT IS PART, ALSO OF AN HISTORIC STRUGGLE TO BUILD SOCIETIES BASED ON LAW, DECENCY AND RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN BEING.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT ONCE SAID THAT IF WE ARE DETERMINED TO MAKE PROGRESS, WE SHOULD "GRASP ANYTHING THAT IS A STEP FORWARD... (FOR THE) BIG CHANGES IN HUMAN UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 USUN NEW YORK 005048

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HISTORY (ARE) ARRIVED AT SLOWLY."

TO MY GOVERNMENT, THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE WILL BE A SUCCESS IF IT BRINGS US EVEN A LITTLE CLOSER TO THE DAY WHEN GIRLS ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL BE ABLE TO LOOK AHEAD

WITH CONIDENCE THAT THEIR LIVES WILL BE VALUED, THEIR INDIVIDUALITY RESPECTED, THEIR RIGHTS PROTECTED AND THEIR FUTURES DETERMINED BY THEIR OWN ABILITIES AND CHARACTER.

IN SUCH A WORLD, THE LIVES OF ALL OF US--MEN AND WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS--WILL BE ENRICHED.

IT IS TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARDS SUCH A WORLD THAT THE UNITED STATES WENT TO BEIJING AND PARTICIPATED, ACTIVELY, FORCEFULLY AND PROUDLY IN SHAPING AN AGENDA FOR ACTION THAT WILL--WHEN IMPLEMENTED--BRING US ALL FAR CLOSER TO THAT GOAL.

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BELOW ARE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THREE RESOLUTIONS
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BELOW ARE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THREE RESOLUTIONS
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(ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN) AND 165 (IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
OUTCOME OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN: ACTION
FOR EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE). USDEL SHOULD JOIN
CONSENSUS IN ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING THREE RESOLUTIONS:

-- A/C.3/50/L.21/REV.1: "PROPOSED MERGER OF THE
INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT
FUND FOR WOMEN."

-- A/C.3/50/L.26: "TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND GIRLS." (WE
UNDERSTAND THAT THE IRANIAN AMENDMENTS TO THAT
RESOLUTION, CONTAINED IN A/C.3/50/L.65, WERE WITHDRAWN.)

-- A/C.3/50/L.63: "AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 20, PARAGRAPH 1,
OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF
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PLENARY

2. THE PLENARY ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BY CONSENSUS: STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE; THE SITUATION IN BURUNDI; IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN NEW AGENDA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA; IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUTCOME OF THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

3. THE PLENARY ALSO ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS: REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN, REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE ON IMP[T OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS, REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS AND REPORTS, REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE ON FOLLOW-UP TO THE VIENNA DECLARATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN. THE U.S.-DRAFTED RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CUBA PASSED BY A VOTE OF 66(U.S.)-22-73. THE RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN NIGERIA PASSED 103 (U.S.)-12-42. THIS VOTE COUNT REFLECTS THE CHANGE OF TWO COUNTRIES (MARSHALL ISLANDS AND CYPRUS) WHO VOTED INCORRECTLY ON THE RESOLUTION AND REQUESTED TO CHANGE THEIR VOTES TO "YES" AFTER THE VOTING.

4. ALL FIFTH COMMITTEE ITEMS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. THE QUESTION OF THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION SALARIES, WHICH THE U.S. HAS STRONGLY OPPOSED, WAS DEFERRED TO FURTHER CONSIDERATION AT A RESUMED SESSION OF THE 50TH UNGA IN 1996.

5. THE BATTLE OVER THE 1996-97 BIENNIUM BUDGET WENT DOWN TO THE WIRE. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD ALL DAY ON DEC. 22. FINALLY, THE FIFTH COMMITTEE ADOPTED THE BUDGET OF USD 2.608 BILLION BY CONSENSUS, A FIGURE HIGHER THAN WE HAD RECOMMENDED BUT BELOW THE LEVEL OF EXPENDITURES FOR UN PROGRAMS DURING THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS. THE BUDGET ALONG WITH OTHER ITEMS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE 5TH COMMITTEE WERE ADOPTED IN PLENARY ON DECEMBER 23. EXPLANATIONS OF POSITION ON THE BUDGET WERE MADE BY THE UNITED STATES (TEXT FAXED TO IO/S), CANADA, UK, AUSTRALIA AND CUBA. A STATEMENT BY THE GA PRESIDENT REVIEWING THE HISTORIC ANNIVERSARY SESSION BROUGHT TO A CLOSE THE 50TH UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

6. TO ALL OUR FAITHFUL READERS, THIS IS THE LAST UNGA

HIGHLIGHTS CABLE FOR THE 50TH SESSION. HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND
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1. SUMMARY. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED 68 RESOLUTIONS UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD (SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN AND CULTURAL) COMMITTEE. THE U.S. INTRODUCED RESOLUTIONS ON CUBA, THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, THE SUDAN AND U.N. ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE. ALL THOSE RESOLUTIONS PASSED, BY MARGINS VERY SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR. THE MAJOR DRAMA OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE AGENDA WAS SUPPLIED BY AN EFFORT BY A GROUP OF COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE U.S., TO PASS A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE RECENT EXECUTIONS AND THE CONTINUING HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN NIGERIA. THIS EFFORT SUCCEEDED IN PRODUCING A STRONG RESOLUTION WHICH PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY (103(US)-12-47). THE GA ALSO PASSED RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN IRAN, IRAQ AND BURMA, AMONG OTHERS. IT ALSO APPROVED FOLLOW-UP THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN BEIJING. USDEL WAS SUCCESSFUL IN RESISTING SEVERAL CALLS FOR UN CONFERENCES. USUN WISHES TO SPECIALLY THANK THE MANY POSTS WHOSE HARD WORK WAS CRITICAL TO OUR SUCCESS AT THIS SESSION. END SUMMARY.

RACISM AND SELF-DETERMINATION

2. AGENDA ITEMS RACISM (103) AND SELF DETERMINATION (104) GENERATED EIGHT RESOLUTIONS. THE STATEMENTS ON ITEM 103 AND 104 COVERED CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF RACISM, ETHNIC CLEANSING, AND THE DRAFT ACTION PROGRAM FOR THE THIRD DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES SUPPORTED A PROPOSED CONFERENCE ON ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ON RACISM WITHOUT A VOTE:

--"MEASURES TO COMBAT CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA, AND RELATED INTOLERANCE" (G-77 RESOLUTION). U.S. EXPLANATION OF POSITION (EOP) STATED THAT THE U.S. DID NOT ENDORSE THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR'S CALL FOR MONITORING THE MEDIA.

--"REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION" (SLOVENIAN RESOLUTION).

--"THIRD DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION" (ALGERIAN RESOLUTION).

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3. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING
RESOLUTIONS ON SELF-DETERMINATION WITHOUT A VOTE:

--"UNIVERSAL REALIZATION OF THE RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO
SELF-DETERMINATION" (PAKISTANI RESOLUTION).

4. THE U.S. VOTED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS,
WHICH WERE ADOPTED:

--"THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO
SELF-DETERMINATION" (EGYPTIAN RESOLUTION). THE VOTE WAS
145-2(US)-9. U.S. EOP STATED THAT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION
WAS NOT IN LINE WITH THE ONGOING PEACE PROCESS.

--"USE OF MERCENARIES AS A MEANS TO VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS
AND TO IMPEDE THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO
SELF-DETERMINATION" (NIGERIAN RESOLUTION). THE VOTE WAS
106-18(US)-31.

AGENDA ITEM 105, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

5. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM 105, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNTRIES TO COMMENT ON THE
WORLD SUMMIT ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ITS FOLLOW-UP AS
WELL AS ISSUES RELATING TO OLDER PERSONS, THE FAMILY AND
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED
THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WITHOUT A VOTE:

--INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF OLDER PERSONS:TOWARDS A SOCIETY
FOR ALL AGES

--FOLLOW-UP TO THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY
(AUSTRIAN RESOLUTION)

--PROGRESS MADE AND PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN THE STRUGGLE
AGAINST ILLITERACY: A MID-DECADE REVIEW (MONGOLIAN
RESOLUTION)

--TOWARDS FULL INTEGRATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
IN SOCIETY: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STANDARD RULES ON THE
EQUALIZATION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES AND OF THE LONG-TERM STRATEGY TO IMPLEMENT
THE WORLD PROGRAM OF ACTION CONCERNING DISABLED PERSONS
TO THE YEAR 2000 AND BEYOND (PHILIPPINE RESOLUTION)

AGENDA ITEMS 106 AND 108, CRIME CONTROL AND DRUGS
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6. SEE REFTTEL A FOR A FULLER DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS 106 AND 108. THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE UN OFFICE IN VIENNA, GIORGIO GIACOMELLI, STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE UN TO EXPAND ITS EFFORTS TO CONFRONT THE CRIME THREAT, AND THE NEED FOR GREATER SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL EFFORT. MOST DELEGATES UNDERScoreD RECENT NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL EFFORTS AND THE NEED FOR INCREASED POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO DRUG CONTROL. SEVERAL SUPPORTED THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL FOR CONVENING A UN DRUG CONFERENCE BUT, REFLECTING THE GENERAL SKEPTICISM, THE GREAT MAJORITY OF SPEECHES WERE SILENT ON THE ISSUE. DUE TO ITS ANTI-U.S. TONE, THAILAND'S SPEECH GENERATED A RIGHT OF REPLY BY THE USDEL.

7. KEY THEMES IN THE CRIME DISCUSSION INCLUDED SUPPORTING RECENT UN CRIME MEETINGS IN NAPLES AND CAIRO, INCREASING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE UN RESPONSE TO INTERNATIONAL CRIME, AND SOME SUPPORT FOR UPGRADING THE CRIME BRANCH INTO A DIVISION.

8. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WITHOUT A VOTE:

--"INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO COMBAT DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING" (MEXICAN RESOLUTION). AT THE URGING OF THE U.S., EU, AND OTHERS, MEXICO BACKED AWAY FROM INSISTING ON A FAVORABLE DECISION AT THIS UNGA ON HOLDING A CONFERENCE IN ITS OMNIBUS DRUG RESOLUTION. THE RESOLUTION, AS TABLED AND ADOPTED BY 3RD COMMITTEE, REFERS THE ISSUE TO THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS. USDEL GAVE AN EXPLANATION OF POSITION AT THE TIME OF 3RD COMMITTEE ADOPTION STATING OUR OPPOSITION TO HOLDING AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NARCOTICS.

--"NINTH UN CONGRESS ON THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS"

9. THE U.S. DISASSOCIATED ITSELF FROM ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

--"TRENGTHENING UN CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY ITS TECHNICAL COOPERATION CAPACITY (ITALIAN RESOLUTION). THE RESOLUTION ENDORSES STRENGTHENING AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR THE UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 10 USUN NEW YORK 005206

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UN CRIME PROGRAM. THE U.S. DISASSOCIATED ITSELF FROM CONSENSUS ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION. U.S. EOP STATED

THAT WE DID NOT SUPPORT UPGRADING THE CRIME BRANCH TO A DIVISION, ADDING PERSONNEL, OR UPGRADING THE DIRECTOR, UNTIL THE BRANCH HAD BEEN ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE ITS ABILITY TO REACH MEANINGFUL BENCHMARKS, AS LAID OUT AT THE LAST CRIME COMMISSION.

10. THE U.S. CALLED FOR A VOTE ON AN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH DURING THIRD COMMITTEE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, WHICH WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

--"THE UN AFRICAN CRIME INSTITUTE FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS" (SOUTH AFRICAN RESOLUTION). THE RESOLUTION SEEKS REGULAR BUDGET FUNDING FOR A REGIONAL INSTITUTE. THE U.S. DOES NOT SUPPORT REGULAR BUDGET FUNDING FOR REGIONAL INSTITUTES. U.S. CALLED FOR A VOTE ON THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH AND VOTED "NO" DURING CONSIDERATION BY THE THIRD COMMITTEE.

AGENDA ITEM 107, ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

11. DEBATE ON AGENDA ITEM 107 FOCUSED ON THE RECENT FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN, AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE CONFERENCE. DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED MERGER OF INSTRAW AND UNIFEM WAS HELD UP (ONCE AGAIN) BY LATE-ARRIVING DOCUMENTATION. MAJOR DONORS TO UNIFEM/INSTRAW HELD PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE G-77 ON A DOMINICAN REPUBLIC RESOLUTION (WHICH WOULD HAVE SUMMARILY RULED OUT THE MERGER). THE RESULTING RESOLUTION POSTPONES A DECISION.

12. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WITHOUT A VOTE:

--PROPOSED MERGER OF INSTRAW AND UNIFEM (PHILIPPINES RESOLUTION)

--INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN (BOLIVIAN RESOLUTION)

--IMPROVEMENT OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE SECRETARIAT (AUSTRALIAN RESOLUTION)

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--STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF UNIFEM IN ELIMINATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (U.S. COSPONSOR OF JAPANESE RESOLUTION)

--TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND GIRLS (PHILIPPINE RESOLUTION)

--VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN MIGRANT WORKERS (PHILIPPINE

RESOLUTION)

--IMPROVEMENT OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE SECRETARIAT
(U.S. COSPONSOR OF AUSTRALIAN RESOLUTION)

AGENDA ITEM 109, REFUGEES

13. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE, FOUR
RESOLUTIONS UNDER AGENDA ITEM 109:

--ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES, RETURNEES AND DISPLACED
PERSONS IN AFRICA (SOUTH AFRICAN RESOLUTION)

--ASSISTANCE TO UNACOMPANIED REFUGEE MINORS (SUDANESE
RESOLUTION)

---COMPREHENSIVE CONSIDERATION AND REVIEW OF THE
PROBLEMS OF REFUGEES, RETURNEES, DISPLACED PERSONS AND
RELATED MIGRATORY MOVEMENTS (RUSSIAN RESOLUTION)

--OFFICE OF THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (U.S.
COSPONSOR OF DANISH RESOLUTION).

AGENDA ITEM 110, CHILDREN

14. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED TWO RESOLUTIONS
WITHOUT A VOTE ON CHILDREN:

--THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (AN OMNIBUS RESOLUTION THIS
YEAR INTRODUCED BY SWEDEN)

--THE GIRL CHILD (U.S. COSPONSOR OF A BOTSWANAN
RESOLUTION)

AGENDA ITEM 111, INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

15. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED TWO RESOLUTIONS
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WITHOUT A VOTE UNDER THIS AGENDA ITEM:

--UN VOLUNTARY FUND FOR INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS
(AUSTRALIAN RESOLUTION). THE RESOLUTION INCREASES THE
USES OF THE VOLUNTARY FUND TO FUNDING INDIGENOUS GROUPS'
PARTICIPATION IN THE WORKING GROUP ON A DRAFT
DECLARATION.

--PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF
THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE (AUSTRALIAN RESOLUTION).
THE U.S. DISASSOCIATED ITSELF FROM CONSENSUS BASED ON

CONCERNS ABOUT FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, AND POTENTIAL
DUPLICATION OF ACTIVITIES IN THE PROGRAM OF ACTION.
USDEL MADE THE FOLLOWING EOP IN THE PLENARY:
'WITH RESPECT TO THE PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE,
MY GOVERNMENT HAS NOT CALLED FOR A VOTE, BUT FOR THE
RECORD WISHES TO NOTE ITS RESERVATIONS. MY GOVERNMENT
FEELS THAT ANY UN PROGRAM, NO MATTER HOW LAUDABLE ITS
GOALS, MUST MAKE CAREFUL USE OF UN RESOURCES AND
EXPENDING SCARCE RESOURCES. WE MUST ENSURE THAT WE ARE
NOT ENGAGING IN DUPLICATIVE FUNCTIONS. WE ALSO NEED
SCRUPULOUSLY TO AVOID ACTIVITIES; f8TEM."

AGENDA ITEM 112(A), HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS

16. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE THE
FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS:'

--INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE
RIGHTS OF ALL MIGRANT WORKERS AND MEMBERS OF THEIR
FAMILIES (MEXICAN RESOLUTION).

--EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS
ON HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING REPORTING OBLIGATIONS UNDER
INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS (U.S.
COSPONSOR OF A CANADIAN RESOLUTION).

--INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON HUMAN RIGHTS (NORWEGIAN
RESOLUTION).

AGENDA ITEM 112(B), HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS AND
ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES

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17. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING

RESOLUTIONS UNDER THIS SUB-ITEM WITHOUT A VOTE:

--UN DECADE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION: CULTURE OF
PEACE (PERUVIAN RESOLUTION).

--STRENGTHENING OF UN ACTION IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD
THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND
THE IMPORTANCE OF NON-SELECTIVITY, IMPARTIALITY AND
OBJECTIVITY (CUBAN RESOLUTION).

--NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS (US COSPONSOR OF INDIAN RESOLUTION).

--UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

(NAMIBIAN RESOLUTION).

--SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CAMBODIA (US COSPONSOR OF AUSTRALIAN RESOLUTION).

--STRENGTHENING OF THE RULE OF LAW (BRAZILIAN RESOLUTION).

--EFFECTIVE PROMOTION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS BELONGING TO NATIONAL OR ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS AND LINGUISTIC MINORITIES (US COSPONSOR OF AUSTRIAN RESOLUTION).

--HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (AUSTRIAN RESOLUTION).

--HUMAN RIGHTS AND MASS EXODUSES (US COSPONSOR OF CANADIAN RESOLUTION).

--ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE (US COSPONSOR OF IRISH RESOLUTION).

--RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT (COLOMBIAN RESOLUTION).

--HUMAN RIGHTS AND TERRORISM (TURKISH RESOLUTION).

--STRENGTHENING OF THE OFFICE OF THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS/CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (EU RESOLUTION).

18. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING THIRD UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 10 USUN NEW YORK 005206

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COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS BY VOTE:

--RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES IN THEIR ELECTORAL PROCESSES. THIS CUBAN RESOLUTION IS THE EVIL TWIN TO THE U.S. RESOLUTION PROMOTING THE UN ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE UNIT (SEE BELOW). IT WAS ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 91-57(US)-21.

--RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT TO UNIVERSAL FREEDOM OF TRAVEL AND VITAL IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY UNIFICATION (CUBAN RESOLUTION). ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 86-4(US)-80.

--STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PRINCIPLE OF PERIODIC AND GENUINE ELECTIONS AND THE PROMOTION OF DEMOCRATIZATION. THIS CONTINUES TO BE A HIGHLY POPULAR U.S. RESOLUTION AIMED AT PROMOTING A SUCCESSFUL UN ACTIVITY IN PROMOTION OF DEMOCRACY. THE ONLY OPPOSITION COMES FROM THE REJECTIONIST STATES, LED BY CUBA AND

CHINA. THIS YEAR THERE WERE NO NEGATIVE VOTES AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 156(US)-0-15.

AGENDA ITEM 112(C), REPORTS OF SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS AND REPRESENTATIVES

19. AS USUAL, THE DRAMA OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE ACTIVITY WAS LARGELY PROVIDED BY THIS SUB-ITEM, WHICH TRADITIONALLY CONTAINS MANY VOTED RESOLUTIONS. THIS YEAR CONTAINED THE NEW FACTOR OF A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN NIGERIA, WHICH THE U.S. STRONGLY BACKED AND WHICH WAS PASSED. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WITHOUT A VOTE:

--SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFGHANISTAN.

--SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN MYANMAR (SWEDISH RESOLUTION).

--PROTECTION OF AND ASSISTANCE TO INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (NORWEGIAN RESOLUTION).

--HUMAN RIGHTS IN HAITI (US COSPONSOR OF VENEZUELAN RESOLUTION).

--SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN RWANDA (US COSPONSOR OF UNCLAS SECTION 09 OF 10 USUN NEW YORK 005206

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CANADIAN RESOLUTION).

20. THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY VOTE:

--SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN (US COSPONSOR OF EU RESOLUTION). ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 78(US)-27-58, A SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT OVER LAST YEAR'S VOTE (74-25-55).

--SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOSOVO (US COSPONSOR OF ALBANIAN RESOLUTION). ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 115(US)-2-43.

--SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAQ (US COSPONSOR OF EU RESOLUTION). ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 111(US)-3-53, A SLIGHT DROP IN THE YES VOTE OVER LAST YEAR.

--RAPE AND ABUSE OF WOMEN IN THE AREAS OF ARMED CONFLICT IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA (US COSPONSOR OF BOSNIAN RESOLUTION). ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE. THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION CALLED FOR A VOTE ON PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 6 WHICH PASSED BY A VOTE OF 146(US)-1-10.

--SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AND THE FEDERAL

REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO) (US RESOLUTION). ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 144-1-20. RUSSIA VOTED NO, INSTEAD OF ABSTAINING AS THEY DID LAST YEAR. GREECE ABSTAINED, AS DID UKRAINE.

--SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN SUDAN (US RESOLUTION). SUDAN CALLED AGAIN FOR VOTES ON SEVERAL PARAGRAPHS, WHICH WERE ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES: OPERATIVE PARA 2, 87(US)-15-50; OPERATIVE PARA 4, 85(US)-17-49, AND OPERATIVE PARA 12, 85(US)-14-50. THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE WAS ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 94(US)-15-54. THIS VOTE WAS SUBSTANTIALLY WORSE THAN IN 1995 (101(US)-13-49), DESPITE THE FACT THAT SEVERAL OF SUDAN'S NEIGHBORS (EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, ETC.) VOTED YES INSTEAD OF ABSTAINING.

--SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CUBA (US RESOLUTION). THIS RESOLUTION HAD ALMOST EXACTLY THE SAME RESULT AS LAST YEAR. IT HAD 26 COSPONSORS (THOUGH NO LATIN AMERICANS) AND WAS ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 65(US)-23-78, IDENTICAL TO LAST YEAR (RWANDA AT FIRST VOTED YES, BUT THEN SAID IT HAD MEANT TO VOTE NO.). THIS YEAR, NO CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION. UNCLAS SECTION 10 OF 10 USUN NEW YORK 005206

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--SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN NIGERIA (US COSPONSOR). THE NIGERIANS, REALIZING HOW ISOLATED THEY WERE, DID NOT CALL FOR A VOTE ON SEPARATE PARAGRAPHS. THE RECORDED VOTE WAS 101(US)-14-47. HOWEVER, AFTERWARDS MARSHALL ISLANDS (A COSPONSOR) AND CYPRUS STATED THAT THEY HAD MEANT TO VOTE YES INSTEAD OF NO, MAKING THE FINAL VOTE 103(US)-12-47. THIS WAS A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT OVER THE THIRD COMMITTEE VOTE OF 98(US)-12-42 AND A MAJOR REJECTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES OF THE REGIME.

AGENDA ITEM 112(D), IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VIENNA DECLARATION

21. ONE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER THIS SUB-ITEM:

--COMPREHENSIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE VIENNA DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION (AUSTRIAN RESOLUTION).

AGENDA ITEM 165, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUTCOME OF 4TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

22. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED TWO RESOLUTIONS WITHOUT A VOTE:

--AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 20, PARA. 1, OF THE CONVENTION ON
THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST
WOMEN (NORDIC RESOLUTION)

--FOLLOW-UP TO THE 4TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND
FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND
PLATFORM FOR ACTION

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