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INFO: ////

SUBJ: HOST COUNTRY INVITATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL
LEADERSHIP FORUM FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES

TEXT:

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SUBJECT: HOST COUNTRY INVITATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL
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1. THIS CABLE HAS BEEN CLEARED BY M/P/SEP.

2. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. SEE PARA. 3. AS A FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY TO THE UN BEIJING CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, A PARTNERSHIP OF U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, NGOS AND THE IDEAS 2000 PROJECT PLAN TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE JUNE 16-20, 1997 IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA. ALTHOUGH THE HOSTS CANNOT FUND THE PARTICIPANTS, IT IS HOPED THAT GOVERNMENTS, POSSIBLY WITH NGO OR OTHER FUNDING ASSISTANCE, WILL BE ABLE TO SPONSOR A TEAM OF TWO TO FIVE INDIVIDUALS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT. AS APPROPRIATE, USAID AND USIA PROGRAM OFFICERS SHOULD ALSO RECEIVE THIS INFORMATION. FURTHER, POST IS ENCOURAGED TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH APPROPRIATE NGOS AND UN AGENCIES IN COUNTRY.

3. POST IS REQUESTED TO PASS THE FOLLOWING INVITATION TO THE HOST GOVERNMENT PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR WOMEN'S AFFAIRS

AND/CR DISABILITY AFFAIRS. THE HOST GOVERNMENT MAY REPLY DIRECTLY TO THE INDIVIDUAL NOTED IN THE INVITATION OR, IF PREFERRED, POST MAY PASS THE NAME OF A CONTACT PERSON INCLUDING ADDRESS, PHONE, FAX, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS BY CABLE

TO LO/ESA - SUSAN SELBIN FOR FORWARDING TO THE FORUM COMMITTEE. WHETHER OR NOT THE HOST GOVERNMENT IS SURE ABOUT PARTICIPATION, THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE THE CONTACT NAME BY SEPTEMBER 15, 1996.

4. TEXT OF INVITATION:

DEAR COLLEAGUES:

AS A SIGNIFICANT AND UNIQUE FOLLOW-UP TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND THE ASSOCIATED NGO FORUM, THE UNITED STATES PLANS TO HOST IN JUNE 1997 AN INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES.

WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES FROM 32 COUNTRIES WERE AN ACTIVE AND INTEGRAL PART OF THE DELIBERATIONS IN BEIJING AND HAIROU, AND CLEARLY ARTICULATED HOW THE PROBLEMS THEY FACE ARE SIMILAR TO THE PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED BY OTHER WOMEN. DISABLED WOMEN ARE OFTEN EXCLUDED FROM AWARENESS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS CREATED FOR WOMEN, AND ARE ALSO UNDER REPRESENTED IN PROGRAMS DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THIS INITIATIVE IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN A NUMBER OF AREAS AFFECTING DISABLED WOMEN WORLD-WIDE INCLUDING: HEALTH, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT, AND LEGISLATION. AN IMPORTANT RESULT WILL BE THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK TO SUPPORT WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES. THIS INITIATIVE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION.

THIS LETTER IS TO INVITE YOU TO SEND A SMALL TEAM OF TWO TO FIVE INDIVIDUALS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT. FOLLOWING UN MODELS OF COLLABORATION, EACH NATIONAL TEAM MUST INCLUDE: A) INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR DISABILITY AND WOMEN'S POLICY ISSUES AND B) DISABLED WOMEN WHO ARE ESTABLISHED OR EMERGING LEADERS IN YOUR COUNTRY AND ITS SELF-HELP ORGANIZATIONS.

FORMAT

ALTHOUGH PLANS ARE NOT FINALIZED, THE TENTATIVE FORMAT IS TO HOLD THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM FROM JUNE 16-20, 1997 IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA, FOLLOWED BY AN INTENSIVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES TO BE HELD IN EUGENE, OREGON. THE EVENT IS ENVISIONED AS A TWO-PRONGED APPROACH:

1. THE FORUM WILL PROVIDE 200-300 WOMEN WITH EXPOSURE TO A WIDE ARRAY OF PROJECTS, LAWS, RESEARCH, ORGANIZATIONS, AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOCUSSED ON IMPROVING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES WORLDWIDE.

2. THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE WILL OFFER AN

OPPORTUNITY FOR A SMALL GROUP OF WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES, PRIMARILY FROM RESOURCE-POOR COUNTRIES, TO WORK INTENSELY TOGETHER IN SELECTED AREAS OF LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT.

SPONSORS

THE FORUM IS BEING ORGANIZED BY A COALITION OF GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND NGOS UNDER THE CO-CHAIR OF TWO MAJOR U.S. AGENCIES WITH SIGNIFICANT RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISABILITY POLICY, BENEFITS, AND SERVICES. THE TWO CO-CHAIRS ARE MS. JUDITH HEUMANN, M.P.H., ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND MS. SUSAN DANIELS, PH.D., ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR DISABILITY, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. MS. HEUMANN WAS A U.S. DELEGATE TO BEIJING AND IS A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S INTER AGENCY COUNCIL ON WOMEN. MS. DANIELS IS ALSO THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL REHABILITATION, THE AMERICAN MEMBER FEDERATION OF REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL.

THE CO-CHAIRS ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY EXCHANGES AND STUDIES (IDEAS) PROJECT PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE WORLD INSTITUTE ON DISABILITY, REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL, AND MOBILITY INTERNATIONAL USA.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

THE PURPOSE OF THE FORUM IS TO CREATE AN INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT NETWORK WITH AN EMPHASIS ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FORUM INCLUDE AN OVERVIEW OF LEGISLATION AND POLICY, EDUCATION AND EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDING DISTANCE EDUCATION, CURRENT

EMPLOYMENT AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING INITIATIVES, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT IN ORGANIZATION BUILDING, AND ORIENTATION TO MODELS OF PEER SUPPORT NETWORKS. EACH PARTICIPANT WILL HAVE A PROGRAM TAILORED TO HER INTERESTS IN SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, NETWORKING AND IN LOCATING LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES.

RESPONSE

BY SEPTEMBER 15, 1996, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. LET US KNOW IF YOUR COUNTRY HAS AN INTEREST IN SENDING A DELEGATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES.
2. APPOINT A CONTACT PERSON AND PROVIDE HER/HIS FULL NAME AND TITLE (MS., MR., DR.), THE COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, FAX NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS.

YOU MAY SEND THIS INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO:

KATHY MARTINEZ

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WE REGRET THAT WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO COVER THE COSTS
OF PARTICIPATION OF YOUR DELEGATIONS, BUT WE ARE MAKING
EVERY EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR WOMEN
WITH DISABILITIES WHO DO NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO
PARTICIPATE. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT FOLLOWING THIS FIRST
INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FORUM, OTHER COUNTRIES WILL HOST
SUBSEQUENT EVENTS OF THIS TYPE SO THAT WOMEN WITH
DISABILITIES GAIN REGULAR EXPOSURE TO AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE.

WE TRUST THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT SHARES OUR VIEW THAT THIS
FORUM WILL PROVIDE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN WITH
DISABILITIES TO GAIN NEEDED SKILLS AND RESOURCES ESSENTIAL
TO THEIR FULL PARTICIPATION IN YOUR SOCIETY AND THAT,
THEREFORE, YOU WILL FACILITATE THEIR ATTENDANCE. WE LOOK
FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOUR COUNTRY'S DELEGATION.

SINCERELY (SIGNED)

SUSAN DANIELS AND JUDITH E. HEUMANN

5. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED FOR ASMARA, SARAJEVO AND MONROVIA.
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IO/UNP FOR MARC NORMAN

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TAGS: PREL, UN, EU

SUBJECT: EU CIRCULATES PAPER ON PRIORITIES FOR UNGA 51

1. USUN HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF A PAPER PREPARED BY THE EU ON "EUROPEAN UNION PRIORITIES FOR THE FIFTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY." THE TEXT OF THE DOCUMENT AND A COVER LETTER FROM THE IRISH PERMREP FOLLOWS BELOW.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF COVER LETTER:

EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO WRITE TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE FIFTEEN MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION.

THE EUROPEAN UNION THINKS IT USEFUL TO SHARE WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ITS VIEWS ON PRIORITY OBJECTIVES, SET OUT IN THE ATTACHED PAPER, WHICH WILL GUIDE ITS WORK DURING THE FIFTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IT HOPES THAT THIS WILL ASSIST A CLOSE AND CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AT THE FORTHCOMING SESSION IN SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO SOME OF THE MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS WHICH CONFRONT THE ORGANIZATION.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

YOURS SINCERELY,

JOHN H.F. CAMPBELL

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

END TEXT.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF EU DOCUMENT, "EUROPEAN UNION
PRIORITIES FOR THE FIFTY FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY:"

STRENGTHENING THE UNITED NATIONS

THE 51ST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MUST BE USED TO
CARRY FORWARD AND BRING TO FRUITION THE URGENT TASK OF
ADAPTATION, STRUCTURAL AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORM AND
REVITALIZATION OF THE UN--A PROCESS WHICH WAS THE FOCUS
OF EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION DURING THE 50TH SESSION OF THE
UN AND IS BEING PURSUED IN THE VARIOUS OPEN-ENDED
WORKING GROUPS SET UP FOR THIS PURPOSE.

THE EUROPEAN UNION REMAINS COMMITTED TO WORKING CLOSELY
WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THE UN TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVE
OPERATION OF THE UN AND TO BETTER EQUIP TO DEAL WITH THE
RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF A NEW MILLENNIUM.
IT WILL CONTINUE ITS ACTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO ADVANCING
SOLUTIONS, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, WHICH WILL STRENGTHEN THE
UN AND THE UN SYSTEM AND HELP TO ADAPT ITS STRUCTURES TO
MEET NEW NEEDS AND CHALLENGES. ADAPTATION TO CHANGING
REQUIREMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES, NOT COST-CUTTING
REMAINS, IN OUR VIEW, THE CORE PURPOSE OF THIS EXERCISE.

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS OF THE UN REMAINS A MATTER OF THE
GREATEST CONCERN FOR THE EU. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY
EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THIS CRISIS WILL NOT BE RESOLVED
UNTIL ALL MEMBER STATES DISCHARGE THEIR ARREARS AND PAY
THEIR ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REGULAR AND
PEACE-KEEPING BUDGETS IN FULL, PROMPTLY AND WITHOUT
CONDITIONS. THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EU, WHOSE
CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT FOR SOME 35.28% OF THE REGULAR
BUDGET AND 37.72% OF THE PEACE-KEEPING BUDGET, HAVE
CONSISTENTLY HONORED THEIR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS BY SO
PAYING THEIR ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS PROMPTLY.

THE EU HAS PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO SECURE THE
FINANCES OF THE UN ON A FIRM AND LASTING BASIS.
DECISIONS AIMED AT A COMPREHENSIVE REFORM OF UN FINANCES
SHOULD BE TAKEN DURING THE 51ST SESSION SO AS TO PLACE
THEM ONCE AGAIN ON AN ASSURED FOOTING. THE EU WILL WORK
WITH RESOLUTION AND IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION WITH ALL
MEMBERS STATES TO ACHIEVE THIS END.

SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF A NEW MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE
PERIOD 1998-2001 ON THE BASIS OF THE DRAFT PLAN WHICH
THE SYG HAS PREPARED AND SUBMITTED TO THE GA WILL ALSO
BE A PRIORITY FOR THE EU AT UNGA 51. IN THIS REGARD,
PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO ENSURING THAT
PRIORITY ISSUES FOR THE EU, SUCH AS HUMANITARIAN
AFFAIRS, HUMAN RIGHTS, PEACE-KEEPING, PEACE-MAKING AND
PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY ARE ACCORDED DUE RECOGNITION AS

CORE PRIORITIES OF THE UN.

MIDDLE EAST

AS STATED IN THE EU FLORENCE DECLARATION, PEACE IN THE
UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 05 USUN NEW YORK 002717

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MIDDLE EAST REGION IS A FUNDAMENTAL INTEREST OF THE EU.
IT WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE
PEACE PROCESS WHICH IT BELIEVES IS THE ONLY PATH TO
SECURITY AND PEACE FOR ISRAEL, THE PALESTINIANS AND THE
NEIGHBORING STATES.

THE EUROPEAN UNION HAS ENCOURAGED ALL PARTIES TO
RE-ENGAGE THEMSELVES IN THE PEACE PROCESS, TO RESPECT
AND IMPLEMENT FULLY ALL THE AGREEMENTS ALREADY REACHED
AND TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THE
BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES ALREADY ACCEPTED BY ALL
PARTIES. IT WILL SEEK TO ENSURE THAT THE RESOLUTIONS
ADOPTED BY THE GA ON THE VARIOUS ASPECTS RELATED TO THIS
ITEM CONTRIBUTE TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE PEACE
PROCESS, REFLECTING FULLY THE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS
WHICH HAS OCCURRED TO DATE.

FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

THE EU WELCOMES THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE PEACE AGREEMENT IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA AND THE
BASIC AGREEMENT FOR EASTERN SLAVONIA AND WILL WORK
ACTIVELY WITH ALL PARTIES TO ENSURE THEIR FULL
IMPLEMENTATION. PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO
THE CONSOLIDATION OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, RESPECT
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, THE SITUATION OF MINORITIES, THE RIGHT
OF RETURN TO THEIR HOMES OF REFUGEES AND DISPLACED
PERSONS.

THE EU REAFFIRMS THE IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHES TO THE NEED
FOR FULL COOPERATION BY ALL PARTIES WITH THE
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR FORMER YUGOSLAVIA
AND WILL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY IN MONITORING COMPLIANCE IN THIS AREA VERY
CLOSELY.

THE EU, WHICH CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY TO INTERNATIONAL
FINANCIAL AID, WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC
RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION OF THE COUNTRIES IN THE
REGION. IN THIS CONTEXT, IT STRESSES THAT, AMONGST
OTHER THINGS, THE READINESS OF THE AUTHORITIES IN THE
REGION TO ALLOW THE RETURN OF REFUGEES AND DISPLACED
PERSONS TO THEIR PLACE OF ORIGIN, IS REGARDED BY THE EU

AS ONE OF THE CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

GREAT LAKES REGION

THE EUROPEAN UNION WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE SEARCH FOR
LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO THE CRISES AND INSTABILITY THAT
HAVE AFFLICTED THE COUNTRIES IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION
OF AFRICA. IN THIS REGARD, THE EU'S OBJECTIVES ARE TO
SECURE PEACE, TO CONSOLIDATE THE PROCESS OF NATIONAL
RECONCILIATION IN THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED, TO ENCOURAGE
THE DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PROCESS, IN PARTICULAR BY
ESTABLISHING THE RULE OF LAW, AND TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT. THE EU REAFFIRMS
ITS SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL
TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA.

THE EU PLEDGES SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE EFFORTS
BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE UN, THE OAU AND OTHER BODIES AND
INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING THE EU SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE,
MR. ALDO AJELLO, AS WELL AS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A
CONFERENCE ON PEACE, SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE GREAT
LAKES REGION. ONLY THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH AND
REGIONAL DIMENSION IN WHICH ALL INTERESTED STATES AND
PARTIES PARTICIPATE FULLY CAN LASTING SOLUTIONS TO THE
CRISIS BE FOUND AND PEACE AND STABILITY BE ACHIEVED.

CYPRUS

THE EU STRESSES ONCE AGAIN THAT THE CURRENT STATUS QUO
IN CYPRUS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. IT REAFFIRMS ITS STRONG
SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE UN SYG AIMED AT A
NEGOTIATED AND LASTING SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS QUESTION
WILL RESPECT THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY AND UNITY OF THE COUNTRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE RELEVANT UN RESOLUTIONS. THE PRESIDENCY OF THE EU
HAS NOMINATED A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO ASSIST THESE
EFFORTS. THE EU WELCOMES THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SYG, PROFESSOR HAN SUNG-JOO.

ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT

IN THE FIELD OF ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT, AND TAKING
ACCOUNT OF IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS AREA (THE
PROSPECTIVE CONCLUSION AND OPENING FOR SIGNATURE OF THE
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CTBT, PROGRESS TOWARDS THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE
CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION, CONCLUSION OF THE CCW

REVIEW CONFERENCE, OUTCOME OF THE UNDC IN THE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF ARMS), THE EU WILL GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION OT THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

--THE EARLY START OF NEGOTIATIONS IN THE CD ON A MULTILATERAL TREATY ON A BAN ON THE PRODUCTION OF FISSILE MATERIAL FOR WEAPONS PURPOSES ("CUT-OFF TREATY");

--BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE FORTHCOMING BWC REVIEW CONFERENCE (NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 6);

--ARMS CONTROL AND NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES;

--ANTI-PERSONNEL LANDMINES: ENSURING THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORT FOR THE RESULTS OF THE GENEVA REVIEW CONFERENCE ON THE ONE HAND, AND SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO BAN ANTI-PERSONNEL LAND MINES ON THE OTHER;

--CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT, INCLUDING THE UN REGISTER AS WELL AS RESOLUTIONS ON SMALL ARMS.

ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

THE EU WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION DURING THE 51ST GA TO THE OPERATIONAL FOLLOW-UP TO RESOLUTION 50/227 WHICH CONTAINS FURTHER MEASURES FOR THE RESTRUCTURING AND REVITALIZATION OF THE UN SYSTEM IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND RELATED FIELDS. THE EUROPEAN UNION RECALLS THE IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHES TO THE AGENDA FOR DEVELOPMENT EXERCISE.

THE EU ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO MEASURING THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BY DONORS AND BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH THE AIM OF ERADICATING POVERTY AS WELL AS ACTION TAKEN BY THE UN SYSTEM TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION 50/107 BASED ON THE SYG'S REPORT.

THE REPORT OF THE SYG ON VARIOUS PROPOSALS ON PROCEDURES AND SOURCES FOR FUNDING DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING INNOVATIVE FUNDING RESOURCES, WILL BE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BY THE EU.

THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE UN-NADAF WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER WILL PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE EU TO REAFFIRM ITS COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA.

THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS OF AND THE COORDINATED FOLLOW-UP TO THE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL UN CONFERENCES ON HUMAN RIGHTS, WOMEN, SOCIAL, POPULATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES WILL ALSO BE GIVEN PRIORITY BY THE EU DURING THE 51ST SESSION OF THE GA.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION ADOPTED AT THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN WILL BE A CRUCIAL

STEP IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF FULL EQUALITY OF RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITY BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN AND THE MAINSTREAMING OF THE GENDER PERSPECTIVE IN THE UN SYSTEM.

OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE WILL BE THE ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 21 AND THE RESULTS OF THE 1992 RIO CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT A SPECIAL SESSION OF TH GA IN JUNE 1997. THE EU BELIEVES THAT THIS WILL BE AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY BOTH TO TAKE STOCK OF THE EXPERIENCE GAINED SINCE RIO TO GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA ITEM 21 AND THE COMMITMENTS MADE THERE, AND TO DISCUSS EMERGING ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES. THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD SEND A CLEAR POLITICAL MESSAGE WHICH STRENGTHENS THE RIO PROCESS AND REAFFIRMS THE ROLE OF THE COMMISSION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (CSD) AT THE HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL.

THE ADOPTION OF AN ENABLING RESOLUTION ON THE OUTCOME OF HABITAT II WILL BE AN IMPORTANT TASK OF THE 51ST SESSION.

HUMANITARIAN ISSUES

THE EU WILL CONTRIBUTE ACTIVELY TO THE FOLLOW-UP OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE ECOSOC SUBSTANTIVE SESSION ON HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, UNDERLINING THE IMPORTANCE OF EFFECTIVE COORDINATION AMONG THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES INVOLVED, STRENGTHENING OF THE EARLY WARNING FUNCTION AND THE CONSOLIDATED APPEAL PROCESS AS WELL AS REINFORCING THE COORDINATING ROLE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS AT ALL LEVELS.

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THE EU WILL SEEK THE SUPPORT OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE UN FOR A RESOLUTION ON ASSISTANCE IN MINE CLEARANCE. IT WILL RENEW ITS APPEAL TO MEMBER STATES TO CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE VOLUNTARY FUND FOR ASSISTANCE IN MINE CLEARANCE AND TO CONTINUE TO SUPPLY THE NECESSARY MEANS TO THE UN TO ESTABLISH A DE-MINING STANDBY CAPACITY.

NARCOTIC DRUGS

NARCOTIC ISSUES WILL GAIN GREATER VISIBILITY FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT OF ECOSOC. THE 51ST GA WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO HOLD A SPECIAL SESSION ON THESE ITEMS DURING 1998. SUCH A SPECIAL SESSION DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM SHOULD HELP TO GIVE GREATER COHERENCE AND EFFICACY TO THE WHOLE SET OF ACTIONS AIMED AT FREEING THE WORLD FROM THIS SCOURGE.

HUMAN RIGHTS

THE EU WILL WORK TO ENSURE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES REMAIN A CENTRAL FOCUS FOR THE GA AT UNGA 51. THE QUESTION OF ADEQUATE STAFF AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR THE UN'S HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM IS A MAIN CONCERN AND WE WILL SEEK TO ENSURE ADEQUATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH THE UN REGULAR BUDGET TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, IN ORDER TO ENABLE HIM TO CARRY OUT HIS MANDATE IN AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MANNER. WE SUPPORT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN HIS EFFORTS TO RESTRUCTURE THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. THE EU WILL ALSO INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN ARE FULLY INTEGRATED INTO THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITIES OF THE UN AND WILL WORK ACTIVELY TOWARDS PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THESE RIGHTS.

DEMOCRACY BUILDING

THE EU, COMPLEMENTING ITS OWN INITIATIVES IN THE AREA, WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT UN PROGRAMS AIMED AT THE CONSOLIDATION OF NEW OR RE-ESTABLISHED DEMOCRACIES. THE PROMOTION OF A DEMOCRATIC CULTURE, INCLUDING VARIOUS FORMS OF ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE AND INSTITUTION-BUILDING WILL BE ACTIVELY SUPPORTED AS WILL RECOURSE TO PROPERLY RESOURCED UN CIVILIAN MISSIONS WHEN DEEMED APPROPRIATE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE SYG'S REPORT TO THE UNGA 51, IN PARTICULAR ON INNOVATIVE WAYS AND MEANS ENABLING THE ORGANIZATION TO RESPOND MORE EFFECTIVELY TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN THIS FIELD.

PEACE-KEEPING

THE EU, WHOSE MEMBER STATES ARE COLLECTIVELY THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS IN TERMS OF PERSONNEL AS WELL AS THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THE OVERALL BUDGET OF PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS, CONSIDERS PEACE-KEEPING AND PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY AS KEY INSTRUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE UN TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS AND TO MAINTAIN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

IN THIS RESPECT, THE EU ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CONTINUED EFFORTS AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY PLANNING, MANAGEMENT, CONDUCT AND RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF UN PEACE-KEEPING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES. THE EU WILL ALSO STRIVE TO ENSURE THAT THE CONDUCT OF THE PEACE-KEEPING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES RECEIVES DUE RECOGNITION AS ONE OF THE CORE PRIORITIES OF THE UN, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS OF THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1998-2001.

COOPERATION AT A REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVEL

COOPERATION AT A REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVEL SHOULD BE
FURTHER ENHANCED. THE EU WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE
EFFORTS OF THE SYG TO DEVELOP COORDINATION AND
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UN AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
AND ARRANGEMENTS. SUCH COOPERATION WILL BUILD UPON PAST
EXPERIENCE THROUGH INCREASED CONSULTATION, DIPLOMATIC
SUPPORT, MUTUAL OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AND JOINT OPERATIONS
IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER VIII OF THE CHARTER.

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

THE EU WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE
CURRENT EFFORTS AIMED AT PREPARING THE TEXT OF A STATUTE
UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 05 USUN NEW YORK 002717

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FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT. ON THE BASIS OF GA
50/46, A DECISION ON THE CONVENING OF A CONFERENCE OF
PLENIPOTENTIARIES FOR THE ADOPTION AND FINALIZATION OF A
CONVENTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL
CRIMINAL COURT WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN BY THE 51ST GA.
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT
ROLE IN THE AREAS OF HUMANITARIAN LAW AND THE PREVENTION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

END TEXT.

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1. SUMMARY: VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT GROUPS IN BENIN ARE WORKING TO IMPLEMENT THE PLATFORM ADOPTED AT THE BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. THE MAIN GOVERNMENT ORGAN, THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT (CNIFD), HAS BEEN HOLDING INFORMATIONAL SEMINARS ON THE BEIJING PLATFORM THROUGHOUT BENIN WITH A VIEW TOWARD DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL POLICY ON WOMEN'S ISSUES BASED UPON REGIONAL AND LOCAL CONSIDERATIONS AND CONSULTATION WITH THE VARIOUS NGO'S OPERATING IN BENIN. COMMON POINTS OF INTEREST FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND NGO'S ARE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND THE EXERCISE OF POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE AMONG WOMEN. END SUMMARY.

BACKGROUND TO BEIJING

2. THE BENINESE GOVERNMENT BEGAN PUTTING STRUCTURES IN PLACE TO ADDRESS WOMEN'S ISSUES PRIOR TO THE BEIJING CONFERENCE. THE GOVERNMENT FORMED THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT (CNIFD) BY DECREE ON JULY 20, 1993. THIS COMMISSION FALLS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION

WHICH APPOINTS THE PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION. THE PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE CNIFD SINCE ITS CREATION HAS BEEN MS. ADELE TOKOU-DADA. THE MINISTERS (OR, MORE OFTEN, THE DESIGNATED CONTACT PERSON FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES) OF OTHER GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES FORM THE CORE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. THE FOREMOST GOAL OF THE COMMISSION IS THE REALIZATION OF A NATIONAL POLICY ON WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT.

3. AS PART OF THIS PROCESS AND IN ANTICIPATION OF THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN BEIJING, TWENTY-FIVE MEMBERS OF THE CNIFD AND TWENTY-FIVE NON-GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES FORMED THE NATIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. THE GROUP PRODUCED A REPORT ENTITLED "THE EVOLUTION OF WOMEN'S ROLES IN BENIN" WHICH WAS CARRIED AS A WORKING PAPER TO THE DAKAR REGIONAL CONFERENCE AS WELL AS TO BEIJING. PRIOR TO GOING TO BEIJING THE CNIFD TOURED BENIN TO EDUCATE WOMEN AND MEN ON THE CENTRAL ISSUES BENIN WOULD SUPPORT IN BEIJING.

SPREADING THE WORD

4. THE SEMINARS SPONSORED BY THE CNIFD (ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1996 BUT POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 1996 DUE TO LEGISLATIVE AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS) REACHED OUT TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOCAL PREFECTURES, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, LOCAL LEADERS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS, WOMEN'S NGO'S, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. SPEECHES, DISCUSSIONS, AND VISUAL AIDS WERE USED TO EDUCATE ATTENDEES AND ENGENDER DEBATE. FOR EXAMPLE, COLORFUL POSTERS DEPICTED ASPECTS OF THE TWELVE BEIJING RESOLUTIONS SUCH AS THE PROBLEM OF POVERTY, AND THE NEED FOR EDUCATION, POLITICAL PARTICIPATION, FINANCIAL STABILITY, AND ATTENTION TO HEALTH ISSUES. PARTICIPANTS WERE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION, VOICE LOCAL CONCERNS, AND GIVE THEIR OWN PERCEPTIONS OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM.

INSIDERS AND OUTSIDERS

5. NGO'S APPEAR TO WORK CLOSELY WHILE REMAINING INDEPENDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT. WHILE HEADS OF CERTAIN NGO'S PARTICIPATED ON THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR BEIJING, LOCAL MEMBERS OF NGO'S ATTEND THE INFORMATIONAL SEMINARS SPONSORED BY THE CNIFD.

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DR. KOUBOURATH OSSENI, THE HEAD OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF BENINESE WOMEN'S NGO'S (FNAFB), AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION WHICH UNITES MANY WOMEN'S NGO'S IN BENIN TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE AND SUPPORTIVE OF NGO'S.

6. ALTHOUGH SOME NGO'S BELONG TO THE FNAFB, SOME GROUPS SUCH AS THE ASSOCIATION DES FEMMES JURISTES DU BENIN (AFJB) ARE NOT OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED AS NGO'S AND DO NOT BELONG TO THE FNAFB

. NON-MEMBERS

AND MEMBERS OF THE FNAFB CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE AND UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 COTONOU 003531

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EXHIBIT CROSS-CUTTING LINKS TO VARIOUS NGO'S AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

THE NEXT STEP AND BEYOND

7. THE CNIFD WILL HAVE TO UTILIZE SUCH COOPERATION BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND NGO'S TO COMPLETE THE NEXT ITEM OF THEIR AGENDA: A COMPLETE SURVEY AND ANALYSIS OF MICRO-PROJECTS NEEDED TO FACILITATE THE REALIZATION OF THE TWELVE BEIJING RESOLUTIONS. THIS COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY WILL SEEK TO ADDRESS LOCAL AND REGIONAL ISSUES AS THE BENINESE GOVERNMENT GRADUALLY MOVES TOWARD MORE DECENTRALIZATION. A DAY OF REFLECTION WILL ALSO BE ORGANIZED TO HELP IDENTIFY AND DISCUSS CONCRETE IDEAS FOR A COHESIVE POLICY ON WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT.

8. COMMENT: THE DEDICATION TO WOMEN'S ISSUES IN GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT CIRCLES IN BENIN IS APPARENT. THE CNIFD HAS AN ESTABLISHED AGENDA AND PLAN OF ACTION WITH WHICH THEY ARE MOVING FORWARD. ONE SETBACK IS THE POSSIBLE MOVE OF THE CNIFD FROM THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH WHICH NOW INCLUDES A SECTION ON THE WOMEN'S ISSUES. THE DEBATE OVER THE POSSIBLE SHIFT IS POLITICAL. ITS OUTCOME AND EFFECTS REMAIN UNCLEAR. REGARDLESS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR GROUPS RECOGNIZE THE NEED UNCLASSIFIED

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TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY AND TO INCREASE EDUCATION AMONG BENINESE WOMEN AND MEN. INDEED, MME. JEANNE ADJIBODOU MAKOUTODE, A MEMBER OF THE CNIFD, NOTED THAT A CRUCIAL ELEMENT OF THE INFORMATIONAL SEMINARS IS THE CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING OF WOMEN, MEN, AND CHILDREN TO THE POSSIBILITY AND NEED FOR POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN BENIN. END COMMENT.

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STATE 159539 DATED 8/1/96 REPEATED.

1. THIS CABLE HAS BEEN CLEARED BY M/P (SEP).
2. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. SEE PARA. 3. AS A FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY TO THE UN BEIJING CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, A PARTNERSHIP OF U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, NGOS AND THE IDEAS 2000 PROJECT PLAN TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE JUNE 16-20, 1997 IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA. ALTHOUGH THE HOSTS CANNOT FUND THE PARTICIPANTS, IT IS HOPED THAT GOVERNMENTS, POSSIBLY WITH NGO OR OTHER FUNDING ASSISTANCE, WILL BE ABLE TO SPONSOR A TEAM OF TWO TO FIVE INDIVIDUALS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT. AS APPROPRIATE, USAID AND USIA PROGRAM OFFICERS SHOULD ALSO RECEIVE THIS INFORMATION. FURTHER, POST IS ENCOURAGED TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH APPROPRIATE NGOS AND UN AGENCIES IN COUNTRY.
3. POST IS REQUESTED TO PASS THE FOLLOWING INVITATION TO THE HOST GOVERNMENT PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR WOMEN'S AFFAIRS AND/OR DISABILITY AFFAIRS. THE HOST GOVERNMENT MAY REPLY DIRECTLY TO THE INDIVIDUAL NOTED IN THE INVITATION OR, IF PREFERRED, POST MAY PASS THE NAME OF A CONTACT PERSON INCLUDING ADDRESS, PHONE, FAX, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS BY CABLE TO LO/ESA - SUSAN SELBIN FOR FORWARDING TO THE FORUM COMMITTEE. WHETHER OR NOT THE HOST GOVERNMENT IS SURE ABOUT PARTICIPATION, THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE THE CONTACT

NAME BY SEPTEMBER 15, 1996.

4. TEXT OF INVITATION:

DEAR COLLEAGUES:

AS A SIGNIFICANT AND UNIQUE FOLLOW-UP TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND THE ASSOCIATED NGO FORUM, THE UNITED STATES PLANS TO HOST IN JUNE 1997 AN INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES.

WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES FROM 32 COUNTRIES WERE AN ACTIVE AND INTEGRAL PART OF THE DELIBERATIONS IN BEIJING AND HAIROU, AND CLEARLY ARTICULATED HOW THE PROBLEMS THEY FACE ARE SIMILAR TO THE PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED BY OTHER WOMEN. DISABLED WOMEN ARE OFTEN EXCLUDED FROM AWARENESS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS CREATED FOR WOMEN, AND ARE ALSO UNDER REPRESENTED IN PROGRAMS DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THIS INITIATIVE IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN A NUMBER OF AREAS AFFECTING DISABLED WOMEN WORLD-WIDE INCLUDING: HEALTH, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT, AND LEGISLATION. AN IMPORTANT RESULT WILL BE THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK TO SUPPORT WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES. THIS INITIATIVE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION.

THIS LETTER IS TO INVITE YOU TO SEND A SMALL TEAM OF TWO TO FIVE INDIVIDUALS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT. FOLLOWING UN MODELS OF COLLABORATION, EACH NATIONAL TEAM MUST INCLUDE: A) INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR DISABILITY AND WOMEN'S POLICY ISSUES AND B) DISABLED WOMEN WHO ARE ESTABLISHED OR EMERGING LEADERS IN YOUR

COUNTRY AND ITS SELF-HELP ORGANIZATIONS.

FORMAT

ALTHOUGH PLANS ARE NOT FINALIZED, THE TENTATIVE FORMAT IS TO HOLD THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM FROM JUNE 16-20, 1997 IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA, FOLLOWED BY AN INTENSIVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES TO BE HELD IN EUGENE, OREGON. THE EVENT IS ENVISIONED AS A TWO-PRONGED APPROACH:

1. THE FORUM WILL PROVIDE 200-300 WOMEN WITH EXPOSURE TO A WIDE ARRAY OF PROJECTS, LAWS, RESEARCH, ORGANIZATIONS, AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOCUSSED ON IMPROVING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES WORLDWIDE.

2. THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE WILL OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A SMALL GROUP OF WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES, PRIMARILY FROM RESOURCE-POOR COUNTRIES, TO WORK INTENSELY TOGETHER IN SELECTED AREAS OF LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS

DEVELOPMENT.

SPONSORS

THE FORUM IS BEING ORGANIZED BY A COALITION OF GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND NGOS UNDER THE CO-CHAIR OF TWO MAJOR U.S. AGENCIES WITH SIGNIFICANT RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISABILITY POLICY, BENEFITS, AND SERVICES. THE TWO CO-CHAIRS ARE MS. JUDITH HEUMANN, M.P.H., ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND MS. SUSAN DANIELS, PH.D., ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR DISABILITY, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. MS. HEUMANN WAS A U.S. DELEGATE TO BEIJING AND IS A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S INTER AGENCY COUNCIL ON WOMEN. MS. DANIELS IS ALSO THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL REHABILITATION, THE AMERICAN MEMBER FEDERATION OF REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL.

THE CO-CHAIRS ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY EXCHANGES AND STUDIES (IDEAS) PROJECT PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE WORLD INSTITUTE ON DISABILITY, REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL, AND MOBILITY INTERNATIONAL USA.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

THE PURPOSE OF THE FORUM IS TO CREATE AN INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT NETWORK WITH AN EMPHASIS ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FORUM INCLUDE AN OVERVIEW OF LEGISLATION AND POLICY, EDUCATION AND EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDING DISTANCE EDUCATION, CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING INITIATIVES, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT IN ORGANIZATION BUILDING, AND ORIENTATION TO MODELS OF PEER SUPPORT NETWORKS. EACH PARTICIPANT WILL HAVE A PROGRAM TAILORED TO HER INTERESTS IN SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, NETWORKING AND IN LOCATING LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES.

RESPONSE

BY SEPTEMBER 15, 1996, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. LET US KNOW IF YOUR COUNTRY HAS AN INTEREST IN SENDING A DELEGATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES.
2. APPOINT A CONTACT PERSON AND PROVIDE HER/HIS FULL NAME AND TITLE (MS., MR., DR.), THE COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, FAX NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS.

YOU MAY SEND THIS INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO:

KATHY MARTINEZ
PROJECT DIRECT, INTERNATIONAL DIVISION
THE WORLD INSTITUTE ON DISABILITY
510 16TH STREET, SUITE 100
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94612

U.S.A.
E-MAIL ADDRESS KATHYQWID.ORG
TELEPHONE: 510-251-4326
FAX: 510-763-4109

WE REGRET THAT WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO COVER THE COSTS OF PARTICIPATION OF YOUR DELEGATIONS, BUT WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES WHO DO NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO PARTICIPATE. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT FOLLOWING THIS FIRST INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FORUM, OTHER COUNTRIES WILL HOST SUBSEQUENT EVENTS OF THIS TYPE SO THAT WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES GAIN REGULAR EXPOSURE TO AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE.

WE TRUST THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT SHARES OUR VIEW THAT THIS FORUM WILL PROVIDE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES TO GAIN NEEDED SKILLS AND RESOURCES ESSENTIAL TO THEIR FULL PARTICIPATION IN YOUR SOCIETY AND THAT, THEREFORE, YOU WILL FACILITATE THEIR ATTENDANCE. WE LOOK

FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOUR COUNTRY'S DELEGATION.

SINCERELY (SIGNED)
SUSAN DANIELS AND JUDITH E. HEUMANN

5. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED FOR ASMARA, SARAJEVO AND MONROVIA.
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WOMEN: TRAVEL OF LINDA TARR-WHELAN
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1. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE.

2. LINDA TARR-WHELAN, THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, WILL REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES AT THE SUBREGIONAL CONFERENCE OF SENIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS ON THE "IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION ADOPTED BY THE 1995 FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING, IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE." THE SUBREGIONAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN BUCHAREST, SEPTEMBER 12-14.

3. FOR USUN NEW YORK: PLEASE ADVISE THE UN DIVISION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN THAT MS. TARR-WHELAN WILL ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AND THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN WORKING GROUP III ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.

4. FOR BUCHAREST: PLEASE MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR MS. TARR-WHELAN AND MEET HER AT THE AIRPORT WHEN SHE ARRIVES. BELOW IS HER ITINERARY:

- ARRIVES BUCHAREST: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 11:00 PM, KLM FLIGHT 319 FROM AMSTERDAM.

- DEPARTS BUCHAREST: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 8:50 AM, SWISSAIR FLIGHT 461.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DELEGATES WILL STAY AT THE HOTEL BUCHAREST (AT REDUCED RATES) AND THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER OF THE

PALACE OF THE PARLIAMENT. IF EMBASSY HAS ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OR LOGISTICAL DETAILS, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONTACT MS. ANCA CONSTANTIN, ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE, OR LEUEEN MILLER, UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE. MS. CONSTANTIN'S PHONE AND FAX NUMBER IN BUCHAREST IS 615-2906. MS. MILLER'S PHONE NUMBER IS 210-0280.

6. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE.

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CONFERENCE ON WOMEN: TRAVEL OF LINDA TARR-WHELAN

REF: STATE 179083

1. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE.
2. CONFERENCE ORGANIZER AT UNDP EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT MS. TARR-WHELAN WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE CONFERENCE (SEPTEMBER 11 AND 12). POST THEREFORE WISHES TO RECONFIRM THE FOLLOWING TRAVEL INTINERARY: ARRIVAL WITH KLM FLIGHT 319 FROM AMSTERDAM ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, AT 11:00 PM, AND DEPARTURE WITH SWISSAIR FLIGHT 461 ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, AT 8:50 AM.
3. POST WISHES TO KNOW IF MS. TARR-WHELAN WOULD LIKE THE MOST RECENT COPY OF THE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME. IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE POST WITH A FAX NUMBER HERE MS. TARR-WHELAN MAY RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE.
4. PLEASE INFORM MS. TARR-WHELAN THAT SHE WILL BE MET BY EMBASSY DRIVER. SINCE THIS ENTAILS DRIVER OVERTIME, PLEASE PROVIDE FISCAL DATA.
5. COST OF THE HOTEL ROOM IS \$100 PER NIGHT AND MUST BE PAID IN CASH. UNDP IS TRYING TO GET A ROOM AT THIS SPECIAL REDUCED RATE FOR THE NIGHTS MS. TARR-WHELAN WILL BE IN BUCHAREST. BECAUSE THE ROOMS WERE RESERVED IN A BLOCK FOR THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF THE CONFERENCE, MS. TARR-WHELAN MAY HAVE TO PAY FOR THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 11-12 (THE FIRST NIGHT OF THE CONFERENCE) DESPITE THE FACT THAT SHE WILL NOT BE HERE. POST IS WAITING FOR

RESPONSE OF UNDP ON THIS MATTER.

6. EMBASSY CONTACT IS MARK TEMPLE, WHO CAN BE REACHED AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS LISTED BELOW:

CHANCERY (DUTY HOURS)	(40) (1) 210-4042
	EXT: 253
CHANCERY (AFTER HOURS)	(40) (1) 210-6384
CHANCERY (FAX)	(40) (1) 210-0395

7. TRAVELERS TO ROMANIA ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG ENOUGH CASH DOLLARS TO PAY FOR THEIR PERSONAL EXPENSES. THE SITUATION REGARDING PURCHASE OF ROMANIAN CURRENCY IS IN A CONSTANT STATE OF CHANGE. PRIVATE EXCHANGE BUREAUS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OFTEN OFFER THE BEST RATES. HOWEVER, THIS CHANGES DAILY. TRAVELERS CHECKS AND CREDIT CARDS HAVE LIMITED UTILITY IN ROMANIA.

8. TRAVELERS ARE ALSO ADVISED THAT MONEY EXCHANGE SCAMS ARE COMMON IN ROMANIA. SOME INVOLVE INDIVIDUALS POSING AS POLICEMEN. PICKPOCKETS ARE ALSO A PROBLEM.
MOSES

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1. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE. SEE PARA 4.

2. THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE WILL HOLD A MEETING OF ITS AD HOC COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS IN LATE SEPTEMBER TO DISCUSS FOLLOW-UP TO LAST YEAR'S WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING. ALL MEMBER STATES, AND APPLICANT STATES BELARUS AND CROATIA, ARE EXPECTED TO SEND EXPERTS. IN ADDITION, THE COE HAS INVITED THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND AND THE U.S. TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO VOTE TO ATTEND AS AN OBSERVER. ALL STATES ARE ASKED TO APPOINT "EXPERTS ESPECIALLY QUALIFIED...., PREFERABLY SENIOR OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE IN THEIR COUNTRIES FOR FOLLOW-UP" TO THE 4WCW; THE COE ENCOURAGES PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN AND MEN "IN AN EQUITABLE PROPORTION".

3. THE MEETING OPENS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, AT 09:30 IN THE COE'S HUMAN RIGHTS BUILDING IN STRASBOURG, AND WILL END ON TUESDAY, 9/24, AT 18:00. THE AGENDA INCLUDES EXCHANGES ON NATIONAL PROGRAMS SET UP TO IMPLEMENT THE 4WCW PLATFORM FOR ACTION, ON FOLLOW-UP BY INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN ORGANIZATIONS, AND ON POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE COE TO IMPLEMENT THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION.

4. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: IT IS LIKELY THAT THIS MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WILL PROPOSE ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES WHICH SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE COE AND ITS MEMBER STATES TO FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM OF ACTION. WHILE A U.S. PARTICIPANT WOULD NOT HAVE "THE RIGHT TO VOTE", THE INFORMAL NATURE OF SUCH MEETINGS ASSURES ANY AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE AMPLE OCCASION TO INFLUENCE THE COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS. IN LIGHT OF THE LEAD ROLE TAKEN BY THE U.S. DELEGATION TO 4WCW, AND THE NUMEROUS INITIATIVES ANNOUNCED AFTERWARDS BY THE WHITE HOUSE AND OTHER USG AGENCIES, EMBASSY BELIEVES AN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE COULD INDEED BE MOST INFLUENTIAL. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER THE U.S. WILL SEND A REPRESENTATIVE, AND INFORM THAT REPRESENTATIVE'S TRAVEL PLANS. (NOTE THAT THE COE'S PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY WILL ALSO MEET IN STRASBOURG THAT WEEK, SO WE WILL NEED EARLIEST ADVANCE NOTICE IF HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.)

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1. ACTION REQUEST, SEE PARA. 4.
2. POST FULLY ENDORSES THE PLANS OF THE UNITED STATES TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES JUNE 16-20, 1997 IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA, AND AN INTENSIVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES IN EUGENE, OREGON, IN FOLLOW-UP TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND THE ASSOCIATED NGO FORUM.
3. POST IS COMMITTED TO FACILITATE ATTENDANCE BY ANGOLA DELEGATION AND HAS CONTACTED THE OFFICE OF DRA. JOANA LINA, THE ANGOLA SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN, FOR DETAILS ON HOST COUNTRY'S PARTICIPATION.
4. ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF OF DRA. LINA'S CABINET, SR. ADRIANO, THE SECRETARY IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE EVENT AND WILL INCLUDE THE EXPENSES FOR THE FORUM AND TRAINING INSTITUTE PROGRAM IN THE 1997 BUDGET. HOWEVER, WHETHER THE MONEY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE EVENTS CANNOT BE CONFIRMED AT PRESENT.
ACTION REQUEST: ANY INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR WOMEN WITH

DISABILITIES WHO DO NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO PARTICIPATE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

5. DRA. LINA'S OFFICE HAS NOT YET PROVIDED THE PROPOSED NAMES OF APPROXIMATELY TWO TO FIVE PARTICIPANTS FROM ANGOLA TO ATTEND THE FORUM AND SUBSEQUENT TRAINING INSTITUTE, BUT INTENDS TO HAVE THE LIST OF NAMES AVAILABLE WITHIN A WEEK. POST WILL FOLLOW-UP WITH DRA. LINA TO ENSURE THE PROPOSED LIST OF NAMES ARE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. POST WILL SEND THE FOLLOWING CONTACT INFORMATION TO KATHY MARTINEZ, PROJECT DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL DIVISION, THE WORLD INSTITUTE ON DISABILITY, AS REQUESTED IN REFTTEL: DRA. JOANA LINA, SECRETARIA DE ESTADO PARA A PROMOCAO E DESENVOLVIMENTO DA MULHER, PALACIO DE VIDRO, 6 ANDAR ESQ., CAIXA POSTAL 6438, LUANDA, ANGOLA. FAX: (244)-(2)-330028. TEL: (244)-(2)-330488. DRA. LINA DOES NOT HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS.

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1. SUMMARY: THE AMBASSADOR HOSTED A LUNCH FOR SEVERAL PROMINENT WOMEN IN SWISS SOCIETY AND POLITICS TO DISCUSS THE BEIJING CONFERENCE AND ITS FOLLOWUP AND EXPLORE A WOMEN'S ISSUES AGENDA FOR THE EMBASSY. SHORTLY BEFORE THE LUNCH, THE SWISS PARLIAMENT APPROVED RATIFICATION OF THE UN CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR KUNIN INVITED A GROUP OF PROMINENT WOMEN INVOLVED IN WOMEN'S ISSUES IN SWITZERLAND TO A LUNCH AT THE RESIDENCE ON SEPTEMBER 20. THE INVITEES INCLUDED THE OFFICIAL SWISS DELEGATION TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING AND MANY WHO ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE AS NGO OR PRESS REPRESENTATIVES.

3. THE LUNCH GAVE THE AMBASSADOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE HERSELF TO A GROUP INCLUDING A SWISS NATIONAL COUNCILOR AND A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE CANTON OF BERN. FOUR OF THE GUESTS HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE BEIJING CONFERENCE, AMONG WHOM THREE, INCLUDING ELISABETH KELLER, THE HEAD OF THE FEDERAL COMMISSION ON WOMEN'S ISSUES, REMAINED INVOLVED IN THE OFFICIAL FOLLOWUP. ANOTHER THREE OF THE GUESTS WERE RESPONSIBLE WITHIN THE SWISS MFA FOR THE SPECIAL QUESTIONS OF

WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AID.

4. ONE OF THE FIRST TOPICS TO APPEAR IN THE FREE-FLOWING DISCUSSION WAS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL'S VOTE TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE LUNCH TO APPROVE RATIFICATION OF THE 1979 UN CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL VOTE WILL ALLOW THE GOS TO DEPOSIT ITS INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY (THE OTHER PARLIAMENTARY CHAMBER APPROVED RATIFICATION IN THE SPRING SESSION, AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAS LONG HAD THE INTENTION TO RATIFY). WHILE HAILED IN THE PRESS, THE CONVENTION WAS CRITICIZED BY SOME WHO CALLED IT OUTDATED, NOTING THAT THE DECISION TO RATIFY PLACED NO ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS ON SWITZERLAND. SWITZERLAND MADE THREE RESERVATIONS TO THE CONVENTION, IN MARITAL PROPERTY, MILITARY AFFAIRS, AND REGULATION OF FAMILY NAMES.

5. THE GUESTS WERE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR VIEW THAT SWITZERLAND STILL HAS A LONG WAY TO GO TO ATTAIN EQUALITY. A MAJOR PROBLEM CITED BY THE WOMEN WAS THE DIFFICULTY FOR PROFESSIONAL WOMEN TO COMBINE A CAREER WITH RAISING CHILDREN. MOTHERS WITH CAREERS FACE A DEARTH OF CHILD CARE, THE LACK OF FACILITIES AT SCHOOLS TO TAKE CARE OF CHILDREN OVER LUNCH, AND LESS GENEROUS MATERNAL LEAVE POLICIES THAN THEIR EUROPEAN COUNTERPARTS. ANOTHER ISSUE IS EQUALITY IN THE WORKFORCE; SOME OF THE WOMEN HAD WORKED IN PERSONNEL FUNCTIONS AND REPORTED RESISTANCE IN MANAGEMENT AND AMONG WORKERS THEMSELVES TO THE NOTION OF "PARITY" IN THE NUMBER AND TREATMENT OF MALE AND FEMALE WORKERS.

6. SOME OF THE WOMEN'S CONCERNS ALSO RELATED TO CURRENT TRENDS IN THE SWISS ECONOMY AND THE EFFECTS ON EMPLOYMENT AND BENEFITS FOR WOMEN. CECILE BUEHLMANN, THE NATIONAL COUNCILOR AND FORMER INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM GRANTEE, EXPRESSED HER FEAR THAT THE PRIMARY BURDEN OF CUTBACKS IN GOS SOCIAL SPENDING AND IN GOS PERSONNEL WOULD BE CARRIED BY WOMEN. OTHER GUESTS ECHOED THIS POINT, CLAIMING THAT WOMEN SUFFER DISPROPORTIONATELY DURING TIMES OF ECONOMIC CRISIS.

7. CORINNE WACKER, A MEMBER OF THE SWISS DELEGATION TO THE BEIJING CONFERENCE AND ACCOMPLISHED ANTHROPOLOGIST, ASKED ABOUT WOMEN'S STRUGGLE FOR EQUALITY IN THE UNITED STATES, AND ALL THE GUESTS WERE INTERESTED IN HEARING WHAT THE AMBASSADOR HAD TO SAY ON THIS TOPIC. THE AMBASSADOR GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE US, INCLUDING EDUCATION, WORKFORCE EQUALITY, AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION, CONCLUDING THAT THE PROGRESS OF WO

MEN IN THE US OVER THE LAST
TWO TO THREE DECADES HAD BEEN TRULY REMARKABLE.
THE AMBASSADOR THEN ASKED ABOUT A WOMAN'S PATH TO
POLITICAL OFFICE IN SWITZERLAND AND LEARNED THAT
WHILE MANY PROFESSIONALS BEGIN THEIR CAREERS AS
LAWYERS IN SWITZERLAND, THAT THIS IS NOT
NECESSARILY THE CASE IN POLITICAL CAREERS.
RATHER, AS BUEHLMANN PUT IT, SHE HAD ENTERED
POLITICS ALMOST AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT, BECAUSE THERE
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WERE SOME ISSUES INCLUDING THAT OF THE STATUS OF
WOMEN WHICH SHE FELT SHE SHOULD ADDRESS FROM A
POLITICAL PLATFORM.

8. THE LUNCH CONCLUDED WITH AGREEMENT AMONG ALL
PARTICIPANTS THAT THE DISCUSSION SHOULD BE
CONTINUED IN THE FUTURE. ALL FELT THAT A REGULAR
EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND VIEWPOINTS WOULD BE
VALUABLE, AND THE EMBASSY HOPES TO GAIN VALUABLE
INSIGHTS INTO THE STATUS OF SWISS WOMEN AND THEIR
EFFORT TO IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES IN SWISS SOCIETY.
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SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION

1. SEPTEMBER 1996 MARKS THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION, ADOPTED AT THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN (FWCW). THE DOCUMENT, ADOPTED WITH THE SUPPORT OF VIRTUALLY EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, SET OUT AN AMBITIOUS AGENDA FOR ADVANCING THE CONFERENCE'S GOALS OF EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE. THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOME OF THE FWCW.

2. THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE FWCW PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERScore THAT ADVANCING WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS IS AN INTEGRAL OBJECTIVE OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. THE OCCASION ALSO PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL POSTS

TO RAISE KEY WOMEN'S RIGHTS ISSUES WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS, WOMEN S GROUPS, NGOS AND OTHERS, TO SEEK PROGRESS, AND TO DEVISE MEANS TO ENERGIZE OUR EFFORTS AROUND THE WORLD TO PROMOTE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE FWCW GOALS IN THE AREAS OF EMPOWERMENT AND EQUAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN. END SUMMARY.

COMMITMENTS

3. ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1995, REPRESENTATIVES OF 189 COUNTRIES ADOPTED THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION, A FAR-REACHING DOCUMENT THAT SPELLS OUT IN DETAIL A SERIES OF UNDERTAKINGS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN. NEARLY EVERY GOVERNMENT IN THE WORLD (THE TWO NOTABLE EXCEPTIONS WERE SAUDI ARABIA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA) PARTICIPATED IN THE CONFERENCE AND JOINED IN THE ADOPTION BY CONSENSUS OF THE CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS. WHILE A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES -- INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES -- RESERVED ON SPECIFIC ELEMENTS OF THE PLATFORM, THESE RESERVATIONS WERE IN MOST INSTANCES NARROWLY DRAWN, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RESERVATIONS BY SOME ISLAMIC STATES TO ELEMENTS OF THE PLATFORM WHICH MIGHT CONTRAVENE SHARIAH LAW.

4. THE BEIJING COMMITMENTS THEREFORE REFLECT A NEAR UNIVERSAL SET OF UNDERSTANDINGS, ASPIRATIONS AND BELIEFS. THEY CANNOT BE DISMISSED AS WESTERN STANDARDS NOT APPLICABLE TO OTHERS. GIVEN THE BROAD ENDORSEMENT OF BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION, ALL GOVERNMENTS HAVE BOTH A RESPONSIBILITY AND AN INTEREST IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE AIMS OF THE PLATFORM. IN FACT, THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION PLACED PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLATFORM ON GOVERNMENTS (PARAGRAPHS 286, 293). AS SUCH, IT IS ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE FOR POSTS TO RAISE THESE ISSUES WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS.

5. IN THE BEIJING DECLARATION, GOVERNMENTS MADE A SERIOUS COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS. FOR EXAMPLE, GOVERNMENTS:

- AFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE EQUAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND MEN AND TO THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND OF THE GIRL CHILD;

- EXPRESSED THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN IS FUNDAMENTAL FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EQUALITY,

DEVELOPMENT, AND PEACE;

- DECLARED THAT "WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS;"

- SUPPORTED THE RIGHT OF ALL WOMEN TO CONTROL ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR HEALTH, IN PARTICULAR THEIR OWN FERTILITY;

- EXPRESSED DETERMINATION TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN;

- PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT ALL HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS; AND

- UNDERTOOK TO RESPECT INTERNATIONAL LAW, INCLUDING HUMANITARIAN LAW, IN ORDER TO PROTECT WOMEN AND GIRLS.

IN ADDITION TO THESE GENERAL PLEDGES, THE FWCW PLATFORM FOR ACTION HIGHLIGHTED A BROAD RANGE OF IMPERATIVES,

INCLUDING THE NEED FOR:

-- THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (THE CONFERENCE STIPULATED THAT SUCH VIOLENCE BOTH VIOLATES AND IMPAIRS OR NULLIFIES THE ENJOYMENT BY WOMEN OF THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS);

-- A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH AND IMPROVED ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES;

-- SUSTAINABILITY AS THE OVERARCHING GOAL OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND THE IMPORTANT ROLES FOR WOMEN IN PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND MANAGING NATURAL RESOURCES;

-- ENSURING THE EQUAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN TO ENGAGE IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY INCLUDING OWNING PROPERTY, HAVING THE EQUAL RIGHT TO INHERIT, RUNNING BUSINESSES AND OBTAINING ACCESS TO CREDIT, AND MORE BROADLY ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM OF THE FEMINIZATION OF POVERTY;

-- IMPROVING THE CIVIC AND POLITICAL STATUS OF WOMEN AND INCREASING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DECISION-MAKING;

-- ACHIEVEMENT OF EQUALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE LAW AND IN PRACTICE AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF LEGAL LITERACY;

-- ACKNOWLEDGING THE MAJOR ROLE TO BE PLAYED BY N(30S AND

URGING THAT THEIR AUTONOMY BE RESPECTED AND THEY BE INCLUDED IN PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING PROGRAMS; AND

DEVELOPING NATIONAL PLANS OF ACTION TO MEET THE PLATFORM'S GOALS, DRAWING ON THE VIEWS OF MEMBERS OF THEIR SOCIETY.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

6. GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE GROUPS IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD HAVE TAKEN A BROAD RANGE OF ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THEIR BEIJING COMMITMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE COLOMBIAN AND ECUADORAN LEGISLATURES HAVE PASSED NEW LAWS ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; A GUATEMALAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY HAS ESTABLISHED NEW SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WOMEN; THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT SET UP BEIJING FOLLOW-UP UNITS IN ITS PROVINCES TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF WOMEN; THE KOREAN LEGISLATURE ADOPTED A WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT ACT; THE PHILIPPINES PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED A 30-YEAR NATIONAL PLAN FOR WOMEN; THE NAMIBIAN GOVERNMENT ADOPTED A MARRIAGE EQUALITY ACT GRANTING EQUAL RIGHTS TO MARRIED WOMEN FOR THE FIRST TIME; MALI HAS ADOPTED A FOUR-YEAR PLAN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN; AND DENMARK HAS LAUNCHED NEW INITIATIVES ON EQUAL PAY AND EQUAL STATUS FOR WOMEN AND MEN.

7. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME UPDATES OF INTEREST FROM THESE AND OTHER COUNTRIES. (PLEASE SLUG ALL CABLES FOR G/SENIOR COORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ISSUES AND USE KWMN TAG.) THE ANNUAL COUNTRY REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES ALSO PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR REPORTING ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

8. IN THE UNITED STATES, PRESIDENT CLINTON ESTABLISHED THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON WOMEN TO COORDINATE DOMESTIC FOLLOW-UP TO THE WORLD CONFERENCE. THE COUNCIL, CHAIRED BY SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DONNA SHALALA AND HONORARY CHAIR FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, CONSISTS OF HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH FEDERAL AGENCY WORKING TO IDENTIFY INITIATIVES IN THEIR AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT THE BEIJING DOCUMENT. THE COUNCIL IS DEVELOPING A NATIONAL ACTION AGENDA -- A BLUEPRINT TO MOVE THE U.S. TOWARDS THE GOALS OF THE FWCW BY THE YEAR 2000. NATIONAL THEMES FOR THE U.S. ACTION AGENDA INCLUDE ECONOMIC ISSUES, HEALTH, SECURITY, OPPORTUNITY AND DISCRIMINATION, AND EMPOWERMENT. A SEPTEMBER 28, 1996,

NATIONAL CONFERENCE VIA SATELLITE WILL DRAW TOGETHER AMERICANS IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY TO REPORT ON PROGRESS AND SHARE IDEAS. A COPY OF THIS SATELLITE PROGRAM WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL POSTS VIA USIS. THE COUNCIL IS ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A REPORT OF SUCCESSFUL ACTIONS IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

NEXT STEPS

9. DESPITE PROGRESS IN MANY AREAS SINCE THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE, BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD. THE FWCW LAUNCHED A PROCESS TO WHICH WE ENCOURAGE EMBASSIES TO CONTRIBUTE. WE HOPE ALL EMBASSIES WILL FIND OR MAKE OPPORTUNITIES TO PURSUE THE GOALS OF THE FWCW. SOME WAYS IN WHICH TO DO THIS INCLUDE:

-- RAISING WOMEN'S ISSUES, PARTICULARLY WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS, WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATURES, AND JUDICIARY;

-- ENCOURAGING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THEIR BEIJING COMMITMENTS AND REPORTING ON FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO WASHINGTON;

-- DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING CONTACTS WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR HOST COUNTRY'S DELEGATION TO THE FWCW, AS WELL AS BROAD CONTACTS WITH WOMEN'S GROUPS, EXPERTS, NGOS, AND CONCERNED CITIZENS TO GATHER INFORMATION AND TO SHOW U.S. CONCERN AND SUPPORT. (THE ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS POUCHED TO POSTS INCLUDED A LIST OF THE POST'S HOST COUNTRY'S DELEGATION TO THE 4WCW--THESE LISTS MAY BE USEFUL AS A CONTACT LIST FOR POSTS REGARDING WOMEN'S ISSUES);

-- DEVELOPING SMALL GRANTS AND OTHER PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE
WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS;

-- EMPHASIZING WOMEN'S RIGHTS AS HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING
NON-DISCRIMINATION, EMPOWERMENT, AND EQUALITY;

-- PURSUING ISSUES OF PARTICULAR CONCERN INCLUDING FEMALE
GENITAL MUTILATION AND OTHER HARMFUL TRADITIONAL
PRACTICES, CHILD PROSTITUTION, TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN, AND
THE USE OF RAPE AS A WEAPON OF WAR;

-- USING THE POST DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP

APPROACHES TO ADVANCE THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN; AND

-- REPORTING ON KEY WOMEN'S ISSUES. THE ANNUAL COUNTRY
REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES PROVIDE AN EARLY
OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS AND REPORT ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS ISSUES.

10. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING OF YOUR PROGRESS.
CHRISTOPHER

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1. PER REF A AND IN LIGHT OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY
OF THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION
ADOPTED AT THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, POST
WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHLIGHT THE
VARIETY OF INITIATIVES IT HAS TAKEN OVER THE PAST
YEAR TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN'S HUMAN
RIGHTS IN MOZAMBIQUE.

2. EMBASSY, USIS, AND AID OFFICERS MEET REGULARLY
WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF GRM OFFICIALS, WOMEN'S GROUPS,
NGO'S, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTIES, AND JUDICIARY
OFFICIALS TO PROMOTE THE EMPOWERMENT AND EQUAL RIGHTS
OF WOMEN IN MOZAMBIQUE. REFS B THROUGH F DETAIL SOME
OF THE INITIATIVES POST HAD TAKEN WITH REGARD TO THE
ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN'S ISSUES. WE HAVE EXPANDED

CONTACT WITH GRM OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL ACTION COORDINATION, MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY, INCLUDING SUPREME COURT JUSTICES, AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTIES, SOME OF WHOM COMPRISED PART OF MOZAMBIQUE'S DELEGATION TO BEIJING.

3. WE CONTINUE TO EXPAND AND DEEPEN OUR NETWORK AMONG THE VARIOUS MOZAMBIKAN WOMEN'S GROUPS AND NGO'S INVOLVED IN WOMEN'S ISSUES, AND SEVERAL OF OUR CONTACTS WITHIN THESE GROUPS WERE ALSO MOZAMBIKAN NGO REPRESENTATIVES AT BEIJING. WE KEPT ABREAST OF AND IN CONTACT WITH MOZAMBIQUE'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE RECENT ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AWID) CONFERENCE, AND HAVE ENCOURAGED MOZAMBIQUE'S PARTICIPATION IN NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE. ADDITIONALLY, AID RECENTLY FUNDED THE ATTENDANCE OF TWO MOZAMBIKAN REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MOZAMBIKAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION (AMMCJ) AT THE FOURTH MEETING OF LEGAL WOMEN FROM THE PORTUGUESE SPEAKING AFRICAN NATIONS (PALOP) HELD IN MID-SEPTEMBER IN LUANDA. THE MOZAMBIKANS PRESENTED A PAPER ON TOLERANCE IN A MULTI-CULTURAL AND MULTI-ETHNIC SOCIETY.

4. WE HAVE OPENED DIALOGUE WITH GRM OFFICIALS THROUGH DEMARCHES ON WOMEN'S ISSUES AND WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH MINISTRY OF SOCIAL ACTION COORDINATION OFFICIALS IN PROMOTING CHANGES IN MOZAMBIKAN LEGISLATION WITH REGARD TO WOMEN'S RIGHTS. WE ALSO ENCOURAGE OTHER MINISTRIES, SUCH AS THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOR TO SUPPORT INITIATIVES ADVANCING THE SITUATION OF WOMEN IN MOZAMBIQUE. USIS SPONSORED A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL POST-BEIJING EMBASSY ROUNDTABLE WHICH BROUGHT TOGETHER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS AND NGO'S. THIS HELPED FORM A NUCLEUS WHICH CONTINUES TO ATTEND OTHER USIS INITIATIVES, SUCH AS WORLDNET PROGRAMS AND DISCUSSIONS LED BY INTERNATIONAL VISITOR RETURNEES REGARDING WOMEN'S ISSUES. WE HAVE NOMINATED A PROMINENT PARLIAMENTARY DEPUTY AND BEIJING CONFERENCE GRM REPRESENTATIVE FOR A FY97 INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM ON WOMEN IN U.S. POLITICS.

5. THE WOMEN'S FORUM IN MOZAMBIQUE, AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION COMPRISING A VARIETY OF MOZAMBIKAN WOMEN'S GROUPS, RECENTLY HELD A NATIONAL SEMINAR AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE BEIJING CONFERENCE. WE PARTICIPATED IN THIS EVENT IN ORDER TO OBSERVE THE LEVEL OF COMPLEXITY OF WORKSHOP ACTIVITY ON WOMEN'S ISSUES. THE SEMINAR DETAILED THE STEPS NEEDED FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AS ENSHRINED IN A VARIETY OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS. THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE PORTUGUESE TRANSLATION OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM OF ACTION WAS ALSO DISTRIBUTED AT THIS SEMINAR. HIGH-LEVEL GRM ATTENDANCE, INCLUDING SEVERAL VICE -MINISTERS, EMPHASIZED THE FACT THAT THE GRM IS FOCUSING ON THE ISSUE. IN MAY, PRESIDENT CHISSANO

STATED THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WAS A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND IN LATE-SEPTEMBER, THE FIRST NATIONAL CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WAS OPENED IN MAPUTO'S CENTRAL HOSPITAL, FURTHER INDICATION THAT THE GRM CONTINUES TO PAY ATTENTION TO WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. THERE ARE PLANS TO UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 MAPUTO 004340

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INCORPORATE COURSES ON HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING WOMEN'S RIGHTS, IN MOZAMBIQUE'S LAW SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

6. WE HAVE ENCOURAGED SEVERAL NGO'S INVOLVED IN WOMEN'S ISSUES TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR DHRF GRANTS NEXT YEAR, AND WE HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT A SARDF-FUNDED REGIONAL PROJECT ON WOMEN AND THE PARLIAMENT BE ORGANIZED. WE CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE THE USG'S COMMITMENT TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN WITH ALL LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT, LEGISLATURE, AND JUDICIARY, AS WELL AS WITH WOMEN'S GROUPS AND NGO'S, AND WE CONTINUE TO ACTIVELY PROMOTE POST-BEIJING INITIATIVES AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS.
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NAMIBIA

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1. SUMMARY: AS NOTED IN REFTEL, SINCE THE FOURTH
WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING (FWCW), THE
GOVERNMENT OF NAMIBIA, WITH THE STRONG SUPPORT OF
PRESIDENT NUJOMA AND HIS SENIOR MINISTERS, HAS
ADOPTED THE "MARRIED PERSON'S EQUALITY ACT"
ENSURING EQUAL RIGHTS FOR PREVIOUSLY DISADVANTAGED
WOMEN MARRIED UNDER COMMUNITY OF PROPERTY. THE
LEGISLATION HAS GONE FAR TOWARDS ENSURING EQUAL
OPPORTUNITIES AND EQUAL RIGHTS FOR MARRIED WOMEN.

2. THIS EMBASSY HAS EMBARKED ON A NUMBER OF
INITIATIVES, SINCE BEIJING, TO ADVANCE THE RIGHTS
OF WOMEN IN NAMIBIA. THIS TELEGRAM DESCRIBES
THESE ACTIVITIES. END SUMMARY.

DEVOTING ALL FY-96 DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS
FUNDS (116E PROGRAM) TO WOMEN'S ISSUES

3. WORKING WITH WOMEN'S GROUPS AND NGO'S, POLOFF
URGED PARTIES TO LAUNCH A NATIONAL MULTI-MEDIA
CAMPAIGN TO CURB THE ALARMING PROBLEM OF SEXUAL
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN. TARGETING
ALL DHRF FUNDS IN FY-96 TOWARDS TACKLING THIS

SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, POST IS FUNDING SIX PROJECTS. THESE INCLUDE:

-- A PROGRAM OF SELF-DEFENSE AND PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR WOMEN AROUND THE COUNTRY.

-- A NATIONAL FOCUS WEEK TO LAUNCH THE MULTI-MEDIA CAMPAIGN ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

-- A NATIONAL PRINT MEDIA CAMPAIGN ON THE ISSUE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

-- A PROGRAM OF SENSITIVITY TRAINING, CONDUCTED BY WOMEN NGO'S FOR POLICE OFFICIALS ON HOW TO RECEIVE SEXUAL VIOLENCE COMPLAINTS.

-- THE PRODUCTION OF AN ORIGINAL DOCU-DRAMA TO BE AIRED ON NATIONAL TELEVISION AND VIA MOBILE VIDEO-VANS, ON THE ISSUE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

-- THE PRODUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENTS FOR USE IN SCHOOLS AROUND THE COUNTRY, ON THE PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

SELF-HELP FUNDS

4. WE HAVE ALSO UTILIZED FY-96 AMBASSADOR'S SELF-HELP FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS WHICH COMPLEMENT THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO CURB VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

-- FUNDING FOR A 'SAFE HOUSE' FOR ABUSED WOMEN IN WINDHOEK

-- FUNDING FOR A SHELTER FOR SEXUALLY ABUSED CHILDREN IN USAKOS

-- FUNDING FOR A SHELTER FOR ABUSED WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN REHOBOTN

5. IN ADDITION, A LARGE NUMBER OF THIS YEAR'S SELF-HELP PROJECTS SUPPORT ECONOMIC INITIATIVES, INCLUDING KINDERGARTENS, BAKERIES, AND NEEDLEWORK PROJECTS, RUN BY WOMEN.

ASSISTANCE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ON LEGISLATION TO CURB SEXUAL VIOLENCE

6. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN HELPING THEM DRAFT THEIR OWN "VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT" MODELLED AFTER U.S. LEGISLATION. AS PART OF THIS EFFORT, POST HAS OBTAINED DOCUMENTS FROM THE U.S. FOR THE AG ON THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT OF 1994, AND RECENTLY

ARRANGED A VISIT BY NAMIBIA'S ATTORNEY GENERAL TO
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, TO DISCUSS THIS
AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES.

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

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7. THE POST MISSION EXCHANGE COMMITTEE HAS MADE
IT A PRIORITY TO NOMINATE WOMEN FOR INTERNATIONAL
VISITOR GRANTS. THIS YEAR, WE HAVE PROPOSED TWO
WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR IV PROGRAMS - ONE
DEALING WITH THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN U.S. POLITICS
AND ANOTHER CONCERNING COMMUNITY SERVICE IN THE
U.S. IN ADDITION, A LOCAL WOMAN ACTIVE IN THE
ISSUE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAS
BEEN NOMINATED FOR A YOUNG AFRICAN LEADER PROGRAM
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FOLLOW-UP TO BEIJING CONFERENCE

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1. GERMANY PLACES IMPORTANCE ON ADVANCING WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND HAS ACTIVELY FOLLOWED UP ON THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION ADOPTED AT THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN. MFA UN OFFICER MAHNICKE CITED A CONFERENCE HELD IN BONN ON MARCH 11, 1996, WHICH BROUGHT TOGETHER OVER 400 PARTICIPANTS FROM GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AS A KEY EVENT IN THE GERMAN STRATEGY TO IMPLEMENT THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED IN BEIJING. IN ADDITION TO THE BONN CONFERENCE, MAHNICKE NOTED THAT OTHER EVENTS HAVE BEEN HELD AT THE LOCAL AND STATE LEVEL.

2. AS PART OF ITS ONGOING EDUCATION PROGRAM, IN EARLY 1996 THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED WIDELY GERMAN-TEXT VERSIONS OF THE BEIJING CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS, AS WELL AS THE 1995 U.N. REPORT, "WORLD'S WOMEN 1995." IN ADDITION, THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, AS CALLED FOR IN THE BEIJING CONFERENCE, IS WORKING TO PUT TOGETHER BY YEAR-END A NATIONAL STRATEGY PAPER TO IMPLEMENT THE CONFERENCE'S CONCLUSIONS. PLANS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY TO ANNOUNCE A CAMPAIGN EARLY NEXT YEAR, UNDER THE MOTTO "EQUAL RIGHTS -- PARTNERSHIP 1997," TO TURN THE STRATEGY PAPER'S CONCLUSIONS INTO SPECIFIC GOALS.

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACTIVITIES
IN REFUGEE SITUATIONS

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FOR REFUGEE COORDINATORS GENEVA FOR RMA USEU FOR KENNELLY

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACTIVITIES
IN REFUGEE SITUATIONS

1. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. PLEASE SEE PARAS 7 - 9.

2. SUMMARY. IN PREPARATION FOR TWO UPCOMING MEETINGS ON
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH IN REFUGEE SITUATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT

REQUESTS INFORMATION FROM POSTS ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACTIVITIES IN REFUGEE AND/OR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDP) PROGRAMS IN THEIR REGIONS. END SUMMARY.

3. BACKGROUND: ON OCTOBER 22, PHYLLIS OAKLEY, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR THE BUREAU OF POPULATION, REFUGEES, AND MIGRATION (PRM) WILL HOST A MEETING OF NGOS, UN AND USG AGENCIES TO SHARE INFORMATION ON EXISTING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR REFUGEES AND TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL EFFORTS THAT CAN BE UNDERTAKEN. THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE FIRST MEETING HOSTED BY PRM IN APRIL 1995 AND TO THE SYMPOSIUM ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH FOR REFUGEES HOSTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) AND THE UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND (UNFPA) IN JUNE 1995.

4. THIS MEETING WILL PRECEED AND PROVIDE INPUT FOR THE U.S. DELEGATION ATTENDING THE FIRST INTER-AGENCY WORKING GROUP ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH IN REFUGEE SITUATIONS (IAWG) WHICH TAKES PLACE IN GENEVA ON NOVEMBER 4-5 AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE JUNE 1995 SYMPOSIUM ON REFUGEES AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH. THE PURPOSE OF THIS LATTER MEETING IS TO SHARE TECHNICAL INFORMATION, FIELD EXPERIENCE AND DISCUSS THE STATUS OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACTIVITIES BY THOSE INVOLVED IN REFUGEE SITUATIONS. END BACKGROUND.

5. USG POLICY: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO THE GOALS AND ACTION STEPS AGREED TO AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (ICPD) AND THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN (FWCW) WHICH EMPHASIZES THE PROVISION OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR ALL POPULATIONS, INCLUDING REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPS).

6. PRM POLICY: PRM HAS FUNDED REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE AREA OF PRIMARY HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR OVER A DECADE, ESPECIALLY IN HEALTH EDUCATION AND MATERNAL/CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS. PRM ALSO ENCOURAGES INTERESTED NGO'S TO INCLUDE A REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH COMPONENT IN HEALTH PROGRAM PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU FOR FUNDING. ALTHOUGH REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES FOR REFUGEES AND IDPS HAVE INCREASED IN THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF, THERE REMAINS A LARGE NUMBER OF UNMET NEEDS THAT REQUIRE MORE CONSISTENT, SYSTEMATIC, AND/OR INCREASED EFFORTS.

7. ACTION REQUEST. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED TO REFUGEES AND IDPS IN THEIR REGION OF RESPONSIBILITY. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 18:

(A) THE TYPES OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROGRAMS CURRENTLY IN EXISTENCE SUCH AS: SAFE MOTHERHOOD (EDUCATION IN MATERNAL MORTALITY AND MATERNAL MORBIDITY); PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE; PREVENTION AND CARE OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES (STDs);

FAMILY PLANNING; MANAGEMENT OF OTHER REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CONCERNS; MEETING THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF ADOLESCENTS; AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH MONITORING.

(B) EXAMPLES OF COORDINATION AMONG REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN THE FIELD INCLUDING UNHCR, UNFPA, NGOS, GOVERNMENTS AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS;

(C) EXAMPLES OF THE INTEGRATION OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES INTO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE;

(D) ISSUES OF POLICY THAT MAY HINDER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES (E.G., LACK OF HUMAN AND/OR MATERIAL RESOURCES; HOST-GOVERNMENT OR COMMUNITY LEADERS OPPOSITION TO SERVICES; LACK OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG UNHCR, NGO STAFF);

(E) CONSISTENCY OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED TO REFUGEES/IDPS ACROSS THE BOARD, I.E. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY DIFFERENT IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS, REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED IN DIFFERENT REFUGEE CAMPS;

(F) PLANNING FOR FUTURE PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES AMONG HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS;

8. FOR AMMAN: DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS HAS EVER BEEN PREVIOUSLY RAISED WITH UNRWA, BUT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING WHAT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES EXIST FOR REFUGEES IN UNRWA SUPPORTED CAMPS.

9. FOR ISLAMABAD: PLEASE COORDINATE RESPONSE WITH INPUT FROM AMCOUNSUL PESHAWAR.

10. DEPARTMENT THANKS POSTS IN ADVANCE FOR ANY INFORMATION THEY ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR SOME POSTS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION DUE TO THE SITUATION IN COUNTRY BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY OBSERVATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.
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SUBJECT: WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN: UN SECRETARY GENERAL
STATEMENT

1. (U) SUMMARY: THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL (SYG) BROKE NEW GROUND OCTOBER 7, 1996 WHEN HE PUBLICLY EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR THE SITUATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AFGHANISTAN AND LINKED CONTINUED UN ASSISTANCE TO RESPECT FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS. THIS IMPORTANT REAFFIRMATION OF THE UN SYSTEM'S OBLIGATION TO BE GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHARTER, AND IN PARTICULAR THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL RIGHTS OF MEN AND WOMEN, BEARS THE HALLMARK OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND BUILDS ON A POLICY WHICH UN AGENCIES ARE

ALREADY PURSUING IN AFGHANISTAN IN THE AREA OF EDUCATION. THE SYG'S STATEMENT ALSO REFLECTS THE IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN IN THE FIELD IN DELIVERING ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) ON OCTOBER 7, 1996, THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, BREAKING NEW GROUND BOTH FOR THE UN, AND FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN, EXPRESSED CONCERN PUBLICLY AT THE DIFFICULT SITUATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AFGHANISTAN AND STATED THAT THE RESTRICTIONS AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS COULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE DELIVERY OF UN PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.

3. (U) THE STATEMENT BUILDS ON A POLICY WHICH THE UN AGENCIES ARE ALREADY PURSUING INDIVIDUALLY IN THE AREA OF EDUCATION. IN RESPONSE TO THE TALIBAN POLICY THAT ONLY BOYS COULD ATTEND SCHOOL, UNICEF ADVISED, AND THE UN AGENCIES AGREED IN SPRING 1996, THAT THE UN WOULD NOT SUPPORT EDUCATION IN PARTS OF AFGHANISTAN WHERE GIRLS WERE DENIED ACCESS. UN AGENCIES ALSO AGREED TO MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO DESIGN PROGRAMS TO ENSURE ACCESS FOR WOMEN.

4. (U) THE STATEMENT MADE HEADLINES IN THE OCTOBER 8, 1996 NEW YORK TIMES, AND HAS BEEN VERY MUCH THE TALK OF THE UN COMMUNITY. SECRETARIAT STAFF AND MOST MISSIONS APPLAUD THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S STATEMENT WHICH IS BEING CHARACTERIZED AS "BOLD".

5. (SBU) COMMENT: THE SYG'S STATEMENT IS PRECEDENT SETTING. THE UN NORMALLY SHIES AWAY FROM CRITICIZING INTERNAL MATTERS OF STATES; THE QUESTION OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN IS GENERALLY RELEGATED TO THE RELEVANT UN COMMISSION. FURTHERMORE, ATTACHING CONDITIONALITY TO AID IS UNUSUAL FOR THE UN, AND A STANCE THAT RECIPIENT COUNTRIES WILL VIEW WITH SUSPICION.

6. (SBU) THAT BOUTROS GHALI MADE THE STATEMENT IS A TESTIMONY TO THE CATALYTIC ROLE OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, WHICH REAFFIRMED THAT WOMEN'S RIGHTS WERE HUMAN RIGHTS, AND CALLED ON THE UN TO MAINSTREAM GENDER ISSUES. CREDIT FOR THE STATEMENT MUST ALSO GO TO THE INFLUENCE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL ROSARIO GREENE WHO, AMONG OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES, SERVES AS THE SYG'S HIGH LEVEL ADVISER ON WOMEN'S ISSUES. END COMMENT.

7. (U) TEXT OF STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

CONCERN HAS BEEN EXPRESSED IN RECENT DAYS REGARDING THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AFGHANISTAN. THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN IS AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE EXPRESSED ALARM AT REPORTS THAT WOMEN ARE BEING DENIED ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT. SHE HAS OBSERVED THAT THIS WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF THE

CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND OF THE COVENANT ON
ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, BOTH OF WHICH
AFGHANISTAN HAS SIGNED AND THE LATTER OF WHICH IT HAS
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RATIFIED. THE SORTS OF RESTRICTIONS REORTED WOULD ALSO
DIRECTLY CONTRAVENE THE SPIRIT ND LETTER OF THE 1995
BEIJING DECLARATION AND LATFORM OF ACTION TO WHICH
AFGHANISTAN SUBSCRIBE WITHOUT RESERVATION. THEY COULD
ALSO HAVE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS ON THE ABILITY OF THE
UNITED NTIONS TO DELIVER PROGRAMMES OF RELIEF AND
RECONSRUCTION TO THAT COUNTRY.

AS SECRETARY-GENERL, I HAVE CONSULTED IN RECENT DAYS
WITH THE HEDS OF AGENCIES, PROGRAMMES, FUNDS, AND
OFFICES AND OTHER OFFICIALS THROUGHOUT THE UN SYSTEM IN
AFGHANISTAN. WE HAVE DECIDED TO RESTATE OUR SINGLE,
SYSTEM-WIDE POLICY ON THE QUESTION OF GENDER EQUALITY.
OUR GOAL IS TO DISPEL ANY MISUNDERSTANDING OF OBSTACLES
WHICH MIGHT ARISE AS WE CARRY ON OUR ACTIVITIES IN OUR
RESPECTIVE SECTORS.

THROUGHOUT THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, THE PRINCIPLES
EMBODIED IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER ARE MORALLY AND
LEGALLY BINDING, INCLUDING ITS PREAMBULAR STATEMENT OF
DETERMINATION "TO REAFFIRM FAITH IN HUMAN RIGHTS, IN THE
DIGNITY AND WORTH OF THE HUMAN PERSON, IN THE EQUAL
RIGHTS OF MEN AND WOMEN AND OF NATIONS LARGE AND
SMALL..." IT OPERATES UNDER THE PROVISIO THAT ITS
ACTIVITIES BE "FOR ALL WITHOUT DISTINCTION AS TO RACE,
SEX, LANGUAGE, OR RELIGION..." AND THAT IT SHALL "PLACE
NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE ELIGIBILITY OF MEN AND WOMEN TO
PARTICIPATE IN ANY CAPACITY AND UNDER CONDITIONS OF
EQUALITY IN ITS PRINCIPAL AND SUBSIDIARY ORGANS."

IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES, UNITED NATIONS
OFFICIALS SEEK TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH GOVERNMENTS IN
THE DELIVERY OF ALL SORTS OF PROGRAMMES AND ASSISTANCE.
BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THE UN SYSTEM IS OBLIGED TO BE
GUIDED BY THE NORMS AND REQUIREMENTS STATED IN THE
CHARTER, THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND
THE RELATED RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IN
ADDITION, UN EMPLOYEES ARE FORBIDDEN TO SEEK OR RECEIVE
INSTRUCTIONS FROM ANY GOVERNMENT OR FROM ANY OTHER
AUTHORITY EXTERNAL TO THE ORGANIZATION. THE PARAMOUNT
CONSIDERATION IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF...SHALL
BE...THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF EFFICIENCY, COMPETENCE,
AND INTEGRITY.

IT IS THUS INCUMBENT UPON ALL PARTS OF THE UN SYSTEM TO

DESIGN AND DELIVER THEIR ACTIVITIES WITHIN THIS
INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED LEGAL FRAMEWORK WHILE
RESPECTING TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE ANY DONOR OR
RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS WHICH DO NOT CONFLICT WITH OUR
STATED PRINCIPLES. END TEXT. ALBRIGHT

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1. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE. SEE PARA 5. FOR ROME, ALSO SEE PARA 6. FOR GENEVA, ALSO SEE PARA 7. FOR USUN, ALSO SEE PARA 8.

2. IN SUMMARY. TALIBAN RESTRICTIONS ON WOMEN WORKING OUTSIDE THE HOME AND PARTICIPATING ACTIVELY IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS POSES A POLICY DILEMMA FOR THE HUMANITARIAN COMMUNITY THAT WILL REQUIRE ATTENTION OVER THE WINTER MONTHS AND BEYOND. THE UNITED STATES POSITION IS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST CONTINUE TO TAKE A FIRM STAND ON THE PRINCIPLES AND APPLICATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS FOR AND NON-DISCRIMINATION TOWARDS WOMEN. AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS PREMATURE AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO CURTAIL PROVISION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN, (WHO ARE) PRIMARILY WOMEN AND CHILDREN. THIS MESSAGE LAYS OUT THE PARAMETERS OF THE PROBLEM AND REQUESTS ACTION ADDRESSEES TO ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERLOCUTORS IN UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, DHA, ECHO/DGVIII, AND IN MAJOR DONOR CAPITALS THAT SUPPORT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN AFGHANISTAN.

BACKGROUND

3. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE WORLD'S NATIONS ARE BOUND BY THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS WHICH FORM THE BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. WHILE UN AGENCIES ARE NOT/NOT BOUND BY THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS, MOST HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW RECENT UN CONFERENCES ON POPULATION (CAIRO) AND WOMEN (BEIJING) HAVE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN'S FULL PARTNERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. WHEN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE HAS NOT BEEN DIRECTLY ACCESSIBLE TO WOMEN, IT IS MORE EASILY DIVERTED TO NON-HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES. WHEN AGENCIES DO NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO ENSURE THAT AID HAS GONE TO VULNERABLE GROUPS, THOSE GROUPS SUFFER AT DISPROPORTIONATE RATES. THE USG POLICY HAS BEEN TO DE-POLITICIZE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF PROGRAMS AND FOCUS ATTENTION ON PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY. THIS APPROACH HAS BEEN USED IN AFGHANISTAN AND HAS RESULTED IN PROGRAMS THAT FOCUS PARTICULAR ATTENTION ON BASIC EDUCATION AND HEALTH FOR AFGHAN WOMEN, AS WELL AS THE EMPLOYMENT OF MANY AFGHAN WOMEN IN THE RELIEF EFFORT.

USG POSITION

4. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST CONTINUE TO TAKE A FIRM STAND ON THE

PRINCIPLES AND APPLICATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS FOR AND NON-DISCRIMINATION TOWARD WOMEN WHILE NOT CLOSING THE DOOR ON THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF HUMANITARIAN

ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN. WITH WINTER APPROACHING AND GIVEN THE FLUID POLITICAL/MILITARY SITUATION ON THE GROUND, IT IS PREMATURE NOW TO CURTAIL ASSISTANCE AS THIS COULD POSE A REAL THREAT TO THE WELL-BEING OF MANY AFGHANS AND WOULD LIKELY FAIL TO HAVE ANY PRACTICAL EFFECT IN CHANGING THE POLICIES OF AFGHAN AUTHORITIES. AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST INSIST ON THE SAFETY OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE WORKERS AND MUST INSIST THAT RESOURCES ACTUALLY REACH THEIR INTENDED BENEFICIARIES. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CONCERN THAT PATTERNS OF RELIEF ASSISTANCE ARE QUICKLY ESTABLISHED AND DIFFICULT TO MODIFY, WE MUST CONTINUE TO ASSESS THE SITUATION AND ADDRESS THESE ISSUES DURING THE CURRENT EMERGENCY SITUATION AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE MAJOR POLICY DECISIONS ON HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TAKEN AFTER THOROUGH CONSULTATION WITH DONOR COUNTRIES, RELIEF AGENCIES, AFGHAN AUTHORITIES AND BENEFICIARIES.

5. ACTION REQUEST: POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO DISCUSS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS/ORGANIZATIONS THEIR VIEWS ON FUTURE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS IN LIGHT OF TALIBAN POLICIES. POSTS SHOULD CONVEY THE U.S. POSITION ON THIS ISSUE AS OUTLINED IN PARA 4 AND BELOW AND REPORT RESPONSES. SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOLLOW. BEGIN POINTS:

- - WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS OUR VIEWS ON THE CONTINUATION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY TO TALIBAN-HELD AREAS IN AFGHANISTAN, WITH UN AGENCIES AND OTHER CONCERNED DONORS. WHILE THESE DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE, WE HOPE UN AGENCIES WILL REMAIN ENGAGED IN THEIR HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. WE ARE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CONCERN THAT PATTERNS OF RELIEF ASSISTANCE ARE QUICKLY ESTABLISHED AND DIFFICULT TO MODIFY.

- HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING WOMEN'S RIGHTS, ARE A PRIMARY U.S. CONCERN. THIS REFLECTS THE CONSENSUS OF THE 189 NATIONS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE UN FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE OF WOMEN. THE QUESTION IS HOW BEST TO PROMOTE THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN WHILE MAINTAINING OTHER CONDITIONS FOR HUMAN DIGNITY, SUCH AS ACCESS TO BASIC RELIEF SUPPLIES AND PROGRAMS.

- - THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST CONTINUE TO TAKE A FIRM STAND ON THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN RIGHTS FOR AND NON-DISCRIMINATION TOWARDS WOMEN. AT THE SAME TIME, GIVEN THE FLUID POLITICAL-MILITARY SITUATION, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO CURTAIL PROVISION OF

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN.

- - WE ARE CONCERNED THAT RESTRICTIONS ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN WILL LIMIT THE ABILITY OF DONOR AGENCIES TO DELIVER ASSISTANCE. AT THE SAME TIME, WE DO NOT WANT THE

SAFETY OF FEMALE EMPLOYEES TO BE IN JEOPARDY IF THEY ATTEMPT TO CARRY OUT THE AGENCIES' WORK.

-- HOW HAS ORGANIZATION/HOST GOVERNMENT INTERPRETED THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S VERY STRONG STATEMENT OF OCTOBER 7 (REF E) IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR THE SITUATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AFGHANISTAN AND LINKED CONTINUED UN ASSISTANCE TO RESPECT FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS; DOES ORGANIZATION/HOST GOVERNMENT PLAN TO MODIFY ANY HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT?

6. FOR ROME/FODAG: IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT WFP HAS PUT ON HOLD NEW FOOD SHIPMENTS INTO AFGHANISTAN AND WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS FROM THE FIELD THAT EXISTING FOODSTOCKS ARE NOT TO BE SHIPPED TO TALIBAN CONTROLLED AREAS. ISLAMABAD REPORTED OCT 18 THAT WFP IN JALALABAD (A TALIBAN CONTROLLED AREA), HAD ONLY AN EIGHT DAY SUPPLY OF FOOD REMAINING. PLEASE ASK WFP TO CLARIFY WHAT PART OF THE FOOD AID PIPELINE IS FLOWING AND WHERE THE VALVES ARE CLOSED. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR WFP TO CLARIFY WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, TALIBAN POLICIES ARE HAVING ON FOOD SECURITY AND THE STATUS OF ACCESS FOR WOMEN WHO WORK FOR WFP; ALSO WHETHER THE TALIBAN IS INTERFERING WITH WFP'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE FOOD AID TO THE VULNERABLE POPULATION. IF WFP HAS, IN FACT, DECIDED TO CURTAIL FOOD ASSISTANCE TO AREAS UNDER TALIBAN CONTROL, POST IS INSTRUCTED TO URGE WFP TO RECONSIDER THIS POSITION UNTIL THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND BECOMES CLEARER AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS BEEN ABLE TO FORMULATE A UNIFIED APPROACH THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE ACTUAL IMPACT ON INTENDED BENEFICIARIES. A CUTOFF OF FOOD AD APPEARS LIKELY, IN THE USG VIEW, TO HAVE ANEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE WELL-BEING OF AFGHANS WIHOUT YIELDING ANY CHANGES IN TALIBAN POLICIES TOARD WOMEN. AT THE SAME TIME WE MUST INSIST ON HE SAFETY OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE WORKERS ANDMUST ENSURE THAT RESOURCES ACTUALLY REACH THEIR NTENDED BENEFICIARIES. WE APPRECIATE REPORTS THT WFP IS ATTEMPTING TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER UN GENCIES AND THE ICRC. USDEL TO WFP EXEC BOARD EETING IN ROME SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF REGIONALREP SYZNALSKI PRESENCE

7. FOR GEEVA/RMA: REF D REPORTED THAT UNHCR HAS ENUNCATED A POSITION THAT ITS PROGRAMS WOULD BE DIVIDED BETWEEN CRITICAL (FOOD, MEDICAL, SHELTER AN FUEL) AND NON-CRITICAL (EDUCATION, SMAL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENURIAL TRAINING AND INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR), WITH NON-CRITICAL PROGRAMS ONDITIONAL UPON NON-DISCRIMINATION. THE DONO COMMUNITY NEEDS CLEAR ASSURANCES THAT WOMEN HAVE ACCESS TO "CRITICAL" PROGRAMS. IF WOMEN DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, THE ASSISTANCE ITSELF WILL BE INEFFECTIVE IN REDUCING SUFFERING. ALSO PLEASE OBTAIN AN UPDATE FROM ICRC ON ITS ACTIVITIES AND THE IMPACT OF TALIBAN RESTRICTIONS ON WOMEN.

S. FOR USUN: PLEASE DISCUSS WITH DHA OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT GENERAL UN POLICY HAS BEEN TO CURTAIL ONLY THOSE

PROGRAMS THAT ARE RESTRICTED TO MEN/BOYS (E.G., EDUCATION WHEN GIRLS ARE EXCLUDED); WE UNDERSTAND THAT UNICEF HAS DISCONTINUED ITS PROGRAMS IN AFGHANISTAN. PLEASE CONFIRM AND INDICATE UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES UNICEF WOULD RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN; DOES IT HAVE ANY PLANS TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN (IN LIEU OF DEVELOPMENT) ASSISTANCE? PLEASE PRESS OUR VIEW THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY NEEDS TO ACT IN A COORDINATED MANNER IN ITS DEALING WITH THE TALIBAN ON ASSISTANCE ISSUES.
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