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DEPARTMENT FOR AF/RA, AID/AFR/DP/PAB, USIA/AF, AF/S(KIM-SCOTT)

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1. PLEASE SEE ACTION REQUEST IN PARAGRAPH 4.
2. POST SELECTED EIGHT DHRF ACTIVITIES FOR FUNDING IN FY-97 FROM THE ALLOTTED AMOUNT OF USD 104,691. FIVE DHRF PROJECTS FROM FY-96 AND FY-95 HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND SIX FY-96 PROJECTS HAVE REQUESTED EXTENSIONS. GRANTEES OF PROJECTS RECEIVING EXTENSIONS WILL BE INFORMED THAT FAILURE TO COMPLETE PROJECTS WITHIN THE EXTENSION PERIOD WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF THE GRANT AND FUNDS BEING DEOBLIGATED.
3. THE CHOSEN PROJECTS FOR FY-97 ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW:

A.
PROJECT NUMBER: DHR-97-633-001
RECIPIENT: EMANG BASADI
GRANT AMT: USD 17,000
DATE OF AGREEMENT: 4/30/97
ACTIVITY TERMINATION DATE: 9/30/97
FINANCIAL STATUS: UNLIQ. AMT.: USD 14,968
ACTIVITY: DEVELOPMENT OF EMANG BASADI RESOURCE CENTER
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: THE GRANT IS USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF DOCUMENTS CONTAINING INFORMATION IN THE AREAS OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS. THESE DOCUMENTS MAY BE ACCESSED BY POLICY MAKERS, STUDENTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. EMANG BASADI (S BEEN A LEADING ORGANIZATION IN THE BOTSWANA WOMEN'S MOVEMENT, AND HAS CONDUCTED NUMEROUS WORKSHOPS INFORMING WOMEN ON THEIR

LEGAL RIGHTS AND CONDUCTS RESEARCH INTO TOPICS AFFECTING WOMEN SUCH AS RAPE. PROJECT IS ONGOING.
EXTENSION REQUEST: THE GRANTEE HAS REQUESTED AN EXTENSION TO DECEMBER 30, 1997 IN ORDER TO FINALIZE THE WRITING AND PUBLISHING OF BOOKLETS AND TO RECEIVE DOCUMENTS WHICH NEEDED TO BE ORDERED FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY.

B.

PROJECT NUMBER: DHR-97-633-002
RECIPIENT: KALAHARI CONSERVATION SOCIETY
GRANT AMT: USD 15,000
DATE OF AGREEMENT: 4/7/97
ACTIVITY TERMINATION DATE: 10/31/97
FINANCIAL STATUS: ALL FUNDS OBLIGATED AND LIQUIDATED
ACTIVITY: COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION AND AWARENESS IN N.W. BOTSWANA
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: THE KALAHARI CONSERVATION SOCIETY ORGANIZED AND CONDUCTED COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS TO ENGAGE THE LOCAL POPULATION IN THE GOVERNMENT DECISION-MAKING PROCESS REGARDING PROPOSED USES OF THE LIMITED WATER RESOURCES IN NW BOTSWANA, INCLUDING THE OKAVANGO DELTA. AS A RESULT OF THESE COMMUNITY MEETINGS, RESIDENTS BECAME MORE AWARE OF THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS, AND BECAME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES WHICH AFFECT THEIR LIVES. PROJECT COMPLETED.

C.

PROJECT NUMBER: DHR-97-633-003
RECIPIENT: OLD NALEDI ADVICE CENTER
GRANT AMT: USD 10,000
DATE OF AGREEMENT: 5/5/97
ACTIVITY TERMINATION DATE: 10/31/97
FINANCIAL STATUS OF GRANT: UNLIQ. AMT: USD 2,591
ACTIVITY: THE GRANT WILL BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE, OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE FOR OLD NALEDI ADVICE CENTER.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE IS TO EMPOWER DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES THROUGH TRAINING AND EDUCATING THEM ABOUT THE USE OF LAW AS A TOOL FOR SELF-REALIZATION. THIS IS DONE BY SELECTING INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY WORK AND TRAINING THEM IN BASIC PRINCIPLES OF LAW AND COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICE AND EDUCATION. THESE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THEN ARE AVAILABLE TO COUNSEL RESIDENTS OF OLD NALEDI AND SURROUNDING AREAS NEAR GABORONE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES WHICH AFFECT THEIR DAY-TO-DAY LIVES.
EXTENSION REQUEST: THE GRANTEE HAS REQUESTED A SIX MONTH EXTENSION IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT.

D.

PROJECT NUMBER: DHR-97-633-004
RECIPIENT: ASSOCIATION OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
GRANT AMT: USD 21,000
DATE OF AGREEMENT: 5/6/97
ACTIVITY TERMINATION DATE: 9/30/98
FINANCIAL STATUS OF GRANT: UNLIQ. AMT: USD 8,076
ACTIVITY: NATIONAL DEBATES ON POLITICAL ISSUES IN BOTSWANA.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: DEBATES TOOK PLACE IN FOUR REGIONS OF BOTSWANA. THE LOCAL DEBATES EXPANDED THE POLITICAL DISCOURSE FROM BOTSWANA'S CAPITAL TO THE RURAL COMMUNITIES

ALLOWING THE COMMUNITIES TO HEAR AND QUERY REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE MAJOR PARTIES. PROJECT IN CLOSE- OUT PHASE.

E.

PROJECT NUMBER: DHR97-633-005
RECIPIENT: DITSHWANELO HUMAN RIGHTS
GRANT AMT: USD 6,000
UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 04 GABORONE 005704

DEPARTMENT FOR AF/RA, AID/AFR/DP/PAB, USIA/AF, AF/S(KIM-
SCOTT)

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DATE OF AGREEMENT: 8/18/97
ACTIVITY TERMINATION DATE: 8/30/98
FINANCIAL STATUS OF GRANT: UNLIQ. AMT: USD 6,000
ACTIVITY: PUBLICATION OF BOOKLETS AND PURCHASE OF COMPUTER
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: DITSHWANELO HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION
IS INVOLVED IN ADVOCACY WORK ON BEHALF OF REFUGEES,
BASARWA, AND OTHER GROUPS. THE USE OF A LAP TOP COMPUTER
WOULD ENABLE THE DIRECTOR TO WRITE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS IN
THE FIELD, AND BOOKLETS WILL BE PUBLISHED TO INFORM PERSONS
OF THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS. PROJECT ONGOING.

F.

PROJECT NUMBER: DHR97-633-006
RECIPIENT: CHILDLINE
GRANT AMT: USD 10,000
DATE OF AGREEMENT: 8/25/97
TERMINATION DATE: 8/30/98

FINANCIAL STATUS: UNLIQ. AMT: USD 10,000
ACTIVITY: FOSTER CARE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: CHILDLINE ADVOCATES ON BEHALF OF
PHYSICALLY AND SEXUALLY ABUSED CHILDREN, ADDRESSING A
SERIOUS PROBLEM IN BOTSWANA. THE GRANT WILL BE USED TO
PROMOTE A FOSTER CARE PROGRAM WHICH WILL FURTHER THE HUMAN
RIGHTS OF CHILDREN. THE GRANT IS USED TO CONDUCT TRAINING
FOR FOSTER PARENTS AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON CHILD ABUSE
ISSUES, LEADING TO AWARENESS AND PRESSURE FOR LEGISLATION
TO UPHOLD CHILDRENS RIGHTS. PROJECT ONGOING.

G.

PROJECT NUMBER: DHR97-633-007
RECIPIENT: FORUM FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFRICA
GRANT AMT: USD 11,796
DATE OF AGREEMENT: 8/27/97
TERMINATION DATE: 8/30/98
FINANCIAL STATUS: UNLIQ. AMT: USD 6,848
ACTIVITY: PUBLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS MEETING,
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: MEMBERS OF THE CONTINENT- WIDE
AFRICAN FORUM FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS MET IN
GABORONE JUNE 5-6, 1997. THE GRANT WILL BE USED TO PUBLISH
THE RESULTS OF THIS MEETING. PROJECT ONGOING.

H.

PROJECT NUMBER: DHR97-633-008
RECIPIENT: WOMEN'S NGO COALITION
GRANT AMT: USD 13,895
DATE OF AGREEMENT: 8/28/97
TERMINATION DATE: 8/30/98
FINANCIAL STATUS: UNLIQ. AMT: USD 13,895
ACTIVITY: AWARENESS AND PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: THE WOMEN'S NGO COALITION IS STARTING
A PROJECT TO INCREASE AWARENESS AMONG THE PUBLIC, DECISION
MAKERS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR ABOUT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.
TO CREATE AWARENESS AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC THEY ARE USING
THE GRANT TO FUND T-SHIRTS, CAPS, BUMPER STICKERS, AND
POSTERS WITH AN ANTI-VIOLENCE THEME, AS WELL AS A VIDEO
CASSETTE RECORDER VHS CAMERA. PROJECT ONGOING.

4.

THE FOLLOWING ARE 1996 DHR PROJECTS WHICH ARE ONGOING AND
WHICH HAVE REQUESTED EXTENSIONS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE
IMPLEMENTATION. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THESE PROJECTS WILL
BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE REQUESTED EXTENSION PERIOD. POST
WILL MONITOR THESE PROJECTS CLOSELY DURING THE FIRST SIX
MONTHS. IF PROJECTS HAVE NOT BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THIS
TIME, THE GRANTEES WILL BE NOTIFIED THAT THE GRANTS WILL BE
TERMINATED BY A GIVEN DATE, AND FUNDS WILL BE RETURNED FOR
REALLOCATION. (NOTE: POST HAS CONTACTED WASHINGTON
NUMEROUS TIMES REGARDING EXTENSION REQUESTS. POST WOULD
APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON WHOM TO CONTACT AND THE PROCEDURE
FOR OBTAINING EXTENSION APPROVALS. END NOTE.)

A.

PROJECT NUMBER: DHR-96-633-001
RECIPIENT: WOMEN'S NGO COALITION
GRANT AMOUNT: USD 17,500
DATE OF AGREEMENT: 9/25/96
TERMINATION DATE: 9/30/97
FINANCIAL STATUS: UNLIQ. AMT: USD 4,037
ACTIVITY: THE GRANT COVERS THE COSTS OF PUBLISHING A
BOOKLET WHICH SUMMARIZED THE BEIJING CONFERENCE.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN
WAS HELD IN BEIJING, CHINA IN 1995, WITH THE GOALS OF
EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF
WOMEN. THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION IS A DOCUMENT WHOSE
MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO SET PRIORITIES AND ACTION STRATEGIES
FOR ALL GOVERNMENTS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE STATUS OF WOMEN
FROM 1995-2000. APPROXIMATELY 8000 COPIES OF THIS DOCUMENT
WERE PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND SETSWANA AND DISTRIBUTED, AND
USED IN WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT BOTSWANA.
EXTENSION REQUESTED UNTIL 9/30/98 IN ORDER TO PUBLISH NEXT
SET OF SETSWANA BOOKLETS. DELAYS WERE DUE TO CHANGE IN
STAFF OF WOMEN'S NGO COALITION.
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B.

PROJECT NUMBER: DHR96-633-007
 RECIPIENT: EMANG BASADI
 GRANT AMOUNT: USD 4,021
 DATE OF AGREEMENT: 9/26/96
 TERMINATION DATE: 9/24/97
 FINANCIAL STATUS: UNLIQ. AMT: USD 1,820
 ACTIVITY: FUNDING FOR WOMEN'S INTER-PARTY CAUCUS
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: THE PROJECT FUNDED REFERENCE BOOKS, STATIONERY, BOOKSHELVES, A BINDING MACHINE, AND THE COSTS OF FIVE CAUCUS MEETINGS IN 1996-97.
 REQUEST FOR EXTENSION UNTIL 9/24/98 IS TO HAVE ADDITIONAL TIME TO COMPLETE ALL CAUCUS ACTIVITIES.

C.

PROJECT NUMBER: DHR-96-633-003
 RECIPIENT: DITSHWANELO HUMAN RIGHTS
 GRANT AMOUNT: USD 3,600
 DATE OF GRANT AGREEMENT: 9/10/96
 TERMINATION DATE: 7/24/97 , HAVE REQUESTED EXTENSION TO

7/24/98

FINANCIAL STATUS: UNLIQ. AMT: USD 2,591
 ACTIVITY: FUNDING IS FOR EDUCATIONAL BOOKLETS INFORMING CITIZENS OF BOTSWANA OF THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS.
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: THE DITSHWANELO HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP HAS A PARALEGAL CENTER TO EDUCATE CITIZENS OF BOTSWANA ABOUT THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS. THEY USED THE GRANT TO PRODUCE A SERIES OF BOOKLETS ON CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE, LABOR LAW, AND CUSTOMARY LAW. BOOKLETS WERE PRINTED IN ENGLISH

AND SETSWANA.

AN EXTENSION UNTIL 7/24/98 HAS BEEN REQUESTED IN ORDER TO PUBLISH BOOKLETS WHICH ARE WRITTEN BY VOLUNTEER LAWYERS WHO DONATE THEIR TIME TO THE PROJECT.

D.

PROJECT NUMBER: DHR-96-633-004
 RECIPIENT: UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA
 GRANT AMOUNT: USD 17,785
 DATE OF AGREEMENT: 10/7/96
 TERMINATION DATE: 9/24/97
 FINANCIAL STATUS: UNLIQ. AMT: USD 17,785
 ACTIVITY: TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR 50 PARTICIPANTS, HONORARIA FOR WORKSHOP FACILITATORS, AND PUBLICATION OF TRAINING MATERIALS.
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: THE AIM OF THE GRANT IS TO TRAIN DISTRICT COUNCILORS AND COUNCIL WORKERS IN THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF DEMOCRACY AND HOW THEY APPLY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS IN TERMS OF REPRESENTATIVE AND PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE.
 EXTENSION REQUEST: THE GRANTEE HAS REQUESTED AN EXTENSION TO 9/24/98 IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT. THE DELAY WAS CAUSED BY THE PROJECT COORDINATOR'S TRANSFER TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT AND A SUITABLE COORDINATOR BEING CHOSEN.

E.

PROJECT NUMBER: DHR96-633-006
RECIPIENT: WOMEN AGAINST RAPE
GRANT AMT: USD 5,700
DATE OF AGREEMENT: 9/24/96
TERMINATION DATE: 9/24/97, GRANTEE HAS REQUESTED EXTENSION
UNTIL 9/24/98
FINANCIAL STATUS: UNLIQ. AMT.: USD 5,700
ACTIVITY: HIRE OF TRANSPORT TO ENABLE STAFF OF WOMEN
AGAINST RAPE TO INVESTIGATE CASES OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND
CONDUCT WORKSHOPS AND COUNSEL VICTIMS OF ABUSE.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN AND
WOMEN IS A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM IN BOTSWANA. WOMEN AGAINST
RAPE IS A GROUP OF WOMEN BASED IN NORTHERN BOTSWANA, WHICH
ASSISTS VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE. THEY WORK WITH THE POLICE,
WITH SCHOOLS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO EDUCATE AND
RAISE AWARENESS OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN REMOTE AND
INACCESSIBLE AREAS OF THE COUNTRY.
EXTENSION REQUESTED UNTIL 9/24/98. DELAYS WERE DUE TO LACK
OF STAFF, MOST OF WHOM ARE VOLUNTEERS, AND DELAYS FROM
COMPANIES IN PROVIDING PRO FORMA INVOICES.

F.

PROJECT NUMBER: DHR-96-633-005
RECIPIENT: MISA
GRANT AMT: USD 11,300
DATE OF AGREEMENT: 9/27/96
TERMINATION DATE: 9/30/97
FINANCIAL STATUS: UNLIQ. AMT.: USD 4,799
ACTIVITY: MEDIA CODE OF ETHICS WORKSHOP
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: THE PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP WAS TO
DEFINE AND DISCUSS "ETHICS" IN RELATION TO THE MEDIA IN
BOTSWANA; TO EXAMINE THE PURPOSE OF AND NEED FOR A CODE OF
ETHICS IN BOTSWANA, AND TO WRITE A DRAFT MEDIA CODE OF
ETHICS FOR JOURNALISTS IN BOTSWANA.
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION UNTIL 9/30/98 SO ALL PUBLICATIONS CAN
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BE COMPLETED. DELAYS WERE DUE TO THE PROJECT COORDINATOR
HAVING TO SPEND CONSIDERABLE TIME AWAY TRAVELING.

5. THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS (THREE FROM FY-95 AND TWO FROM
FY-96) HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. THE UNLIQUIDATED BALANCES WILL
BE DEOBLIGATED:

A.

PROJECT NUMBER: DHR95-633-002
RECIPIENT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LIBRARY
GRANT AMT: USD 9,090
DATE OF AGREEMENT: 6/29/95

TERMINATION DATE: EXTENDED TO 9/30/97
FINANCIAL STATUS: UNLIQ. AMT: USD 1,238
ACTIVITY: PARLIAMENTARIAN LIBRARIAN SUPPORT
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A LEGISLATIVE LIBRARIAN WAS BROUGHT TO BOTSWANA TO ENHANCE THE CAPACITY OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LIBRARY TO SUPPORT MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND STRENGTHEN THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT.

B.

PROJECT NUMBER: DHR95-633-005
RECIPIENT: HIGH COURT OF BOTSWANA
GRANT AMT: USD 24,500
DATE OF AGREEMENT: 6/29/95
TERMINATION DATE: EXTENDED TO 9/30/97
FINANCIAL STATUS: UNLIQ. AMT: USD 1,924
ACTIVITY: HIGH COURT REPORTING EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: FUNDS WERE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF COURT REPORTING EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE, TO BE HOUSED AT THE BOTSWANA INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATION AND COMMERCE. THE HIGH COURT IS TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO RECRUIT AN INSTRUCTOR IN COURT REPORTING FOR A FULL YEAR'S TRAINING COURSE.

C.

PROJECT NUMBER: DHR95-633-006
RECIPIENT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
GRANT AMT: USD 8,500
DATE OF AGREEMENT: 6/3/95
TERMINATION DATE: EXTENDED TO 9/30/97
FINANCIAL STATUS: UNLIQ. AMT: USD 3,623
ACTIVITY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LIBRARY COLLECTION
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A SET OF REFERENCE BOOKS AND MAGAZINES WERE PURCHASED TO ENHANCE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LIBRARY COLLECTION.

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D.

PROJECT NUMBER: DHR-96-633-002
RECIPIENT: WOMEN'S NGO COALITION
GRANT AMOUNT: USD 4,000
DATE OF AGREEMENT: 9/11/96
TERMINATION DATE: 6/24/97
FINANCIAL STATUS: UNLIQ. AMT: USD 0
ACTIVITY: FUNDING OF THE KE NAKO QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: THIS GRANT PROVIDED FUNDING FOR PAPER, PRINTING, AND MAILING EXPENSES FOR FOUR ISSUES OF THE WOMEN'S NGO COALITION'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER. THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM BOTSWANA WOMEN, BOTH URBAN AND RURAL ABOUT ACTIVITIES PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT AS A FOLLOW UP TO THE BEIJING CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS OTHER WOMEN'S ISSUES. THESE ISSUES INCLUDE LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL GENDER ISSUES, GENDER DISCRIMINATION, AND THE EFFECT OF AIDS ON BOTSWANA'S WOMEN.

E.

PROJECT NUMBER: DHR-96-633-008
RECIPIENT: INDUSTRIAL COURT OF BOTSWANA
GRANT AMOUNT: USD 4,400
DATE OF AGREEMENT: 9/27/96

TERMINATION DATE: 9/30/97
FINANCIAL STATUS: UNLIQ. AMT.: USD 1,293
ACTIVITY: LEGAL BOOKS FOR INDUSTRIAL COURT
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: THE GRANT WAS USED FOR PURCHASING
BOOKS USED BY THE JUDGE AND ASSESSORS IN RESEARCHING
DECISIONS, THUS STRENGTHENING THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF
GOVERNMENT IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. PROJECT IS IN CLOSE
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SUBJ: INVITATION FOR EDUCATION A/S HEUMANN TO SPEAK A
NAMIBIAN GENDER POLICY LAUNCH

TEXT:

UNCLAS WINDHOEK 003595

DEPT FOR AF/S (DROUIN) AND S/EEOCR (D.DAVIS)

DEPT PLEASE PASS TO DEPT OF EDUCATION FOR A/S JUDITH
HEUMANN

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SUBJECT: INVITATION FOR EDUCATION A/S HEUMANN TO SPEAK A
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1. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST -- SEE PARA 5 BELOW.

2. EMBASSY RECEIVED OCTOBER 31 A GRN INVITATION FOR U.S
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ASSISTANT SECRETARY JUDITH
HEUMANN TO VISIT NAMIBIA ON DECEMBER 10-13, 1997, TO
SPEAK AT THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF NAMIBIA'S NATIONAL GENDER
POLICY, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOURTH ANNUAL PROGRAMME
SHARING FORUM IN WINDHOEK.

3. THE LETTER, SIGNED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY TO
PRESIDENT NUJOMA, STATES THAT THE FORUM WILL SERVE AS A
FOLLOW-UP TO THE UN FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN
BEIJING, AND THE INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM FOR WOMEN
WITH DISABILITIES HELD IN WASHINGTON EARLIER THIS YEAR.
EMBASSY WINDHOEK TRANSMITTED A COPY OF THE LETTER VIA FAX
TO MS. HEUMANN'S OFFICE OCTOBER 31.

4. ACCORDING TO THE INVITATION LETTER, THE NATIONAL
GENDER POLICY WILL BE LAUNCHED BY PRESIDENT NUJOMA ON
DECEMBER 10. APPROXIMATELY 500 GUESTS ARE EXPECTED TO
ATTEND THE LAUNCH. "GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EMPHASIS
ON WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES," SAYS THE LETTER, "THE
DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AFFAIRS (OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT)
WILL APPRECIATE IF YOU (A/S HEUMANN) COULD ADDRESS THE

AUDIENCE AT THE OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF THE NATIONAL GENDER POLICY ON GENDER AND SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES ON THE 10 DECEMBER 1997."

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER A/S HEUMANN INTENDS TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION SO WE MAY BEGIN MAKING LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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SUBJ: UNGA 3RD COMMITTEE ADOPTS 12 RESOLUTIONS

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (ADDEE ADDED USMISSION GENEVA)

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SUBJECT: UNGA 3RD COMMITTEE ADOPTS 12 RESOLUTIONS

1. THIS IS UNGA THIRD COMMITTEE CABLE 8.

2. ON NOVEMBER 6-7 THE THIRD COMMITTEE OF THE 52ND GA ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE 12 SEPARATE RESOLUTIONS, NONE OF WHICH HAS PROGRAM BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS.

3. THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 6:

-- "EDUCATION FOR ALL" (A/C.3/52/L.11/REV.1) AGENDA ITEM 102: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION AND TO YOUTH, AGEING, DISABLED PERSONS AND THE FAMILY; (U.S. COSPONSOR)

-- "FOLLOW-UP TO THE NAPLES POLITICAL DECLARATION AND GLOBAL ACTION PLAN AGAINST ORGANIZED TRANSNATIONAL CRIME" (A/C.3/52/L.4) AGENDA ITEM 103: CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE; (FROM ECOSOC)

-- "CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN" (A/C.3/52/L.6) AGENDA ITEM 103: CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE; (FROM ECOSOC)

-- "INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND BRIBERY IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS" (A/C.3/52/L.7) AGENDA ITEM 103: CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE; (FROM ECOSOC)

-- "INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS"
(A/C.3/52/L.8) AGENDA ITEM 103: CRIME PREVENTION AND
CRIMINAL JUSTICE; (FROM ECOSOC)

-- "UNITED NATIONS AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR THE PREVENTION
OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS" (A/C.3/52/L.22;
WITH FLOOR AMENDMENT) AGENDA ITEM 103: CRIME PREVENTION
AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE;

-- "STRENGTHENING THE UNITED NATIONS CRIME PREVENTION
AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMME, PARTICULARLY ITS
TECHNICAL COOPERATION CAPACITY" (A/C.3/52/L.23) AGENDA
ITEM 103: CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE;
(U.S. COSPONSOR)

4. THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 7:

-- "INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO COMBAT DRUG ABUSE AND
ILLICIT PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING" (A/C.3/52/L.14 AND
CORRIGENDUM 1) AGENDA ITEM 104: INTERNATIONAL DRUG
CONTROL; (U.S. COSPONSOR)

-- "IMPROVEMENT OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE
SECRETARIAT" (A/C.3/52/L.18) AGENDA ITEM 105:
ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN; (U.S. COSPONSOR)

-- "TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND GIRLS" (A/C.3/52/L.20/REV.1)
AGENDA ITEM 105: ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN;

-- "TRADITIONAL OR CUSTOMARY PRACTICES AFFECTING THE
HEALTH OF WOMEN AND GIRLS" (A/C.3/52/L.21) (U.S.
COSPONSOR);

-- "UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN
(A/C.3/52/L.16/REV.1) AGENDA ITEM 105: ADVANCEMENT OF
WOMEN; AGENDA ITEM 106: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUTCOME OF
THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN (U.S. COSPONSOR).

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SUBJ: TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN

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FOR CONSULAR SECTION CHIEFS AND AFO'S

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SUBJECT: TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN

REF: (A) STATE 211747 (B) STATE 160141 (NATAL)

RETRANSMISSION OF REF A WITH CORRECTED TEXT. PLEASE REFER
TO PARAGRAPH TWO.

1. THE UNITED STATES HAS EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR ACTION TO
DEAL WITH THE CRIMINAL TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

THE PRESIDENT, FIRST LADY AND THE SECRETARY HAVE ALL HIGHLIGHTED THE ISSUE AS A MAJOR ITEM ON THE US DIPLOMATIC AGENDA. WHILE THE MOST EGREGIOUS CASES INVOLVE MINOR CHILDREN AND WOMEN LURED BY FALSE PROMISES OF EMPLOYMENT INTO THE WESTERN SEX INDUSTRY, THE INITIATIVE ENCOMPASSES OTHER EXPLOITATIVE LABOR SCHEMES THAT COUNT UPON THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION STATUS OF THE VICTIM FOR THEIR COERCIVE POWER. AN ADDITIONAL ASPECT CONCERNS ARRANGED MARRIAGES ("MAIL-ORDER BRIDES") WHERE THE WOMAN FINDS HERSELF SUBJECT TO AN ABUSIVE PARTNERSHIP FOR FEAR OF LOSING LEGITIMATELY OBTAINED IMMIGRATION BENEFITS.

2. SECRETARY ALBRIGHT CHAIRS THE PRESIDENT'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON WOMEN, THE COORDINATING MECHANISM FOR U.S. FOLLOW-UP TO THE AGREEMENTS MADE AT THE 1995 UN FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING. THE COUNCIL ENGAGES IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AND DEVELOPS INITIATIVES, BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC, TO ADVANCE WOMEN THAT RANGE FROM INCREASED POLITICAL PARTICIPATION, EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE, TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, LEGAL PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE. ONE SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF THIS EFFORT INVOLVES CONSULAR SECTION ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE SO THAT THE TOOLS AT OUR DISPOSAL IN THE INA ARE USED TO FRUSTRATE THIS TRAFFIC TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. INFORMATION ON THE NATURE, SCOPE, AND DIRECTION OF THESE MOVEMENTS IS SCARCE AND OFTEN ANECDOTAL, THOUGH WHAT INFORMATION WE HAVE INDICATES THAT ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE INVOLVED EITHER AS SENDING, TRANSIT, OR DESTINATION COUNTRIES. INR WILL SOON COMPLETE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE MATTER IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND THE NEW INDEPENDENT STATES (NIS) USING IC SOURCES, AND CA PLANS TO WORK WITH INR TO DISSEMINATE THIS DATA TO OVERSEAS CONSULAR SECTIONS VIA THE FRAUD DIGEST. POSTS CAN ASSIST IN UNDERSTANDING THE SCOPE AND NATURE OF THE ISSUE BY REPORTING ON THE FOLLOWING:

A) YOUR BEST ASSESSMENT OF THE NATURE OF TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN YOUR HOST COUNTRY: 1) HOST COUNTRY'S PLACE IN THE CONTINUUM AS SOURCE, TRANSIT, DESTINATION OR SOME COMBINATION; 2) NUMERICAL SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM AND A BREAKDOWN OF THE PERSONS TRAFFICKED (WOMEN AND GIRLS, BOYS) AND THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY ARE BEING MOVED (IMMIGRATION FRAUD, SEXUAL OR LABOR EXPLOITATION, ETC.); 3) INVOLVEMENT OF ORGANIZED CRIMINAL GROUPS IN THE TRAFFIC AND ANY OFFICIAL INVOLVEMENT (TO INCLUDE FACILITATION OF MOVEMENT BY ISSUING LEGITIMATE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS); THE EXTENT TO WHICH TRAFFICKED WOMEN AND CHILDREN ATTEMPT TO SECURE LEGAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FOR THEIR MOVEMENTS; 4) HOST COUNTRY ATTITUDES TOWARDS THIS TRAFFIC.

3. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT YOU MAKE USE OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE AT POST TO INVOLVE OTHER USG AGENCIES THAT MIGHT HAVE INFORMATION ON THE QUESTION AND CONSULT WITH DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES, LOCAL PRESS AND NGOS WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHED FURTHER LIGHT ON THE MATTER. THE ISSUE WILL BE DISCUSSED WITHIN CIREFI (THE EU'S BORDER SECURITY FORUM), AT A CONFERENCE IN LUXEMBOURG, AND WITH THE EU TROIKA DURING MID TO LATE NOVEMBER, SO A RESPONSE BY NOVEMBER 15 WOULD BE MOST USEFUL.

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(C) BRIDGETOWN 1620 (D) BRIDGETOWN 0485
(E) BRIDGETOWN 3576

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL (A), THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
UPDATES STATUS OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN WORKERS AND INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS ISSUES. THIS IS THE FIRST IN A MULTI-PART
SERIES.

BARBADOS: PROTECTIVE LEGISLATION IN PIPELINE

2. LEGISLATION IN THE PIPELINE TO PROTECT WORKERS: THE
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY BILL, PLANNED TO BE IN
PLACE BY THE END OF THE YEAR, PROPOSES TO PROTECT ALL
WORKERS. MINISTER OF LABOR RUDOLPH GREENIDGE STATES THAT

EMPLOYERS NEED TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS A WRITTEN SAFETY POLICY FOR BUSINESSES. GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY IS PROPOSED BY NAMING THE EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CREATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND ADHERENCE TO THE POLICY. THE NEW BILL WOULD REPLACE THE ANTIQUATED "FACTORIES ACT." COMMENT: WHILE THE LEGISLATION IS LIKELY TO EVENTUALLY PASS, IT IS UNLIKELY TO DO SO BEFORE THE END OF 1997. END COMMENT.

FIRST WAGE INCREASE FOR SHOP ASSISTANTS IN EIGHT YEARS

3. IN JUNE, THE WAGE RATE FOR SHOP ASSISTANTS OVER 18 INCREASED 13.3 PER CENT. PREVIOUS INCOME RATES PER WEEK, BBS \$150, INCREASED TO \$170. (U.S. \$75 TO \$85 OR U.S. \$3QP TO \$4,420 PER YEAR AS 2 BB\$ EQUAL LUS\$). THE DAILY RATE INCREASED FROM BBS \$30 TO \$34 AND THE HOURLY RATE ROSE FROM BBS \$3.75 TO \$4.25. THE MINIMUM RATE FOR THOSE UNDER 18 INCREASED 19.7 PER CENT, FROM BBS \$132 TO \$158 PER WEEK, THE DAILY RATE FROM BBS \$26.40 TO \$31.60 AND THE HOURLY RATE FROM BBS \$3.30 TO \$3.95. COMMENT: THE INCREASE IN THESE RATES IS LONG OVERDUE AS THIS GROUP OF WORKERS DOES NOT FALL INTO ANY FOR WHOM RATES HAVE REGULARLY BEEN RE-NEGOTIATED. THIS VERY SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF ALMOST TWENTY PER CENT DOES NOT PRECURSOR COMPARABLE HIKE ACROSS THE BOARD AS OTHER CATEGORIES HAVE RECEIVED INCREASES OVER THE EIGHT-YEAR PERIOD. END COMMENT.

LABOR UNIONS ON THE MOVE

4. BARBADOS WORKERS UNION'S (BWU) CREDIT UNION EARNED A \$1/2 MILLION BBS PROFIT, UP FROM \$166,000 LAST YEAR. TOTAL ASSETS INCREASED BY \$2.2 MILLION TO REACH \$13.5 MILLION. THE EXPANSION WAS DERIVED FROM THE INCREASE IN THE INCOME GENERATED FROM LOANS. FOR THE 1996-1997 PERIOD, \$9.6 MILLION IN LOANS WERE APPROVED. THE CREDIT UNION HAD 6,406 MEMBERS AT THE END OF MARCH THIS YEAR, UP FROM 5,664 LAST YEAR. DEPOSITS CONTINUE TO GROW. BWU IS ALSO WORKING TO HAVE HOTEL WORKERS OWN SHARES AND SIT ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THEIR WORK PLACES. BWU ALSO PLANS TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF WHAT IT CONSIDERS PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT BEING GIVEN TO FOREIGN WORKERS OVER SUITABLY QUALIFIED BARBADIANS.

5. VETERAN LABOR LEADER, BOBBY MORRIS, DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE BARBADOS WORKERS' UNION, ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNION'S WORK TAKES UP SO MUCH OF HIS TIME THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONTEST THE CHRIST CHURCH EAST SEAT FOR THE DEMOCRATIC LABOR PARTY (DLP) IN THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION CONSTITUTIONALLY DUE IN 1999.

CTUSAB IS ALIVE AND KICKING

6. THREE YEARS AFTER SPLITTING WITH THE UMBRELLA TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION, THE COALITION OF TRADE UNIONS AND STAFF ASSOCIATIONS OF BARBADOS (CTUSAB), THE BARBADOS ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (BAMP) MAY REJOIN, ALTHOUGH BAMP'S COUNCIL IS DIVIDED ON THE ISSUE. SHOULD UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 BRIDGETOWN 003635

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THIS HAPPEN, CTUSAB WILL BE STRONGER IN NUMBERS AS WELL AS RESOLVE. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS HAVE STOOD THEIR GROUND ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS.

7. CTUSAB HAS RECENTLY TAKEN A PUBLIC POSITION ON THE MONARCHY AND CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ISSUES ALSO. PATRICK FROST, GENERAL SECRETARY OF BARBADOS' UMBRELLA UNION, THE CONGRESS OF TRADE ASSOCIATIONS OF BARBADOS (CTUSAB), IS LOBBYING WITH THE GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED COMMISSION CURRENTLY REVIEWING THE BARBADOS CONSTITUTION TO CHANGE THE COUNTRY'S STATUS TO THAT OF A REPUBLIC WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH. CTUSAB ALSO ADVOCATES NARROWING THE DEFINITION OF "INHUMAN" TREATMENT REGARDING THE LENGTH OF TIME BETWEEN SENTENCING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, PERMITTING PUBLIC OFFICERS BELOW CERTAIN LEVELS TO STAND FOR ELECTION WITHOUT HAVING TO RESIGN FROM THEIR JOBS, ENHANCED PROTECTION FOR BARBADIANS WHO ARE PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, AND ABOLITION OF DISCRIMINATION EXPERIENCED BY SPOUSES OF BARBADIAN WOMEN IN OBTAINING CITIZENSHIP.

EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

8. JULY 7 STATISTICS FROM THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF BARBADOS, GAVE THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT. BASED ON DATA FROM A HOUSEHOLD SAMPLE SURVEY, THE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE QUARTER JANUARY TO MARCH 1997 STOOD AT 15.9 PERCENTAGE POINTS, A DECREASE OF 0.3 PERCENTAGE POINTS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE RATE OF 16.2 PERCENTAGE POINTS FOR THE CORRESPONDING QUARTER IN 1996. (THE LATEST ESTIMATE PLACES UNEMPLOYMENT AT JUST UNDER 14 PERCENT.)

9. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MALES DECLINED TO 11.4 PERCENTAGE POINTS FROM 12.5 FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1996, A DIFFERENCE OF 1.1 PERCENTAGE POINTS. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR FEMALES ROSE marginally TO 10.4 PERCENTAGE POINTS FROM 10.0 PERCENTAGE POINTS, A DIFFERENCE OF 0.4 PERCENTAGE POINTS.

10. THE COMBINED EFFECT OF THESE CHANGES SAW THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS FALLING FROM 21,900 IN JANUARY-MARCH 1996 TO 21,400 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1997, A DECREASE OF 500. DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD, THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYED PERSONS FELL TO 113,400, A DECREASE OF 300 OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1997, A DECREASE OF 500. DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD, THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYED PERSONS FELL TO 113,400.

11. THE GOVERNMENT AND GENERAL SERVICES SECTORS WERE THE MAJOR EMPLOYERS WITH RATES OF 25,100 AND 20,300 RESPECTIVELY, FOLLOWED BY THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE AND TOURISM SECTORS WITH 16,100 AND 12,900 RESPECTIVELY.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX RATING

12. BARBADOS RANKED 25TH IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE AREA OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT. THE RANKINGS, ACCORDING TO THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM'S HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX (HDI), INDICATE HOW FAR COUNTRIES HAVE TO REACH GOALS INCLUSIVE OF AN AVERAGE LIFE SPAN OF 85 YEARS, ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR ALL, AND A DECENT STANDARD OF LIVING. BARBADOS IS LEADING THE WAY AMONG CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

DOMINICA: WOMEN'S AFFAIRS

13. ACCORDING TO DOMINICA'S LABOR DEPARTMENT, SINCE THE UN'S FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN WAS HELD IN BEIJING, DOMINICA HAS SEEN PROGRESS IN THE FOLLOWING TWO AREAS IDENTIFIED AT THE CONFERENCE AS CRITICAL AREAS OF CONCERN: (A) WOMEN AND POVERTY: THE DOMINICA NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN, A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED AT THE BEIJING CONFERENCE, HAS DEVELOPED LOCAL ADULT EDUCATION UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 BRIDGETOWN 003635

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AND SMALL BUSINESS TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN. ACCORDING TO THE LABOR DEPARTMENT, MANY WOMEN IN RURAL AREAS ARE FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO MEET BASIC NEEDS--AT LEAST IN LARGE PART--BECAUSE OF THE DECLINE OF THE BABANA EXPORT INDUSTRY.

(B) VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR HAS RECRUITED A PERMENANT COUNSELOR AND ESTABLISHED A CRISIS RESPONSE MECHANISM TO ASSIST WOMEN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

FROM ANTIGUA/BARBUDA'S MINISTRY OF LABOR AND HOME AFFAIRS

14. IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST WITH IMPROVING SOCIAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE AGED POPULATION, THE GOVERNMENT ADDED A FEATURE TO ITS SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION. THE SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME IS UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND IS ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD OF CONTROL. OLD AGE ASSISTANCE NOW PROVIDES ALSO FOR NON-CONTRIBUTORS WHO RECEIVE BENEFITS OF EC\$136.50 (\$USL-\$EC2.67) PER MONTH UNDER THE REVISED SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME.

15. THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SCHEME IS FUNDED AS FOLLOWS: EACH INSURED PERSON CONTRIBUTES 3.5 PERCENT OF COVERED EARNINGS, THE EMPLOYER 3.5 PERCENT OF COVERED EARNINGS. WORKERS' MEDICAL BENEFITS PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ILLNESSES INCLUDING NECESSARY MEDICAL TREATMENT ABROAD WHEN RECOMMENDED BY A LOCAL PHYSICIAN AND APPROVED BY THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER.

16. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY, THE POOR PERFORMANCE OF THE MINIMUM WAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SET UP UNDER DIVISION C, PART C 21 OF THE LABOR CODE, AND THE ABSENCE OF A NEW SET OF LEGAL MINIMUM WAGE RATES ARE CAUSES FOR CONCERN FOR THE TRADE UNIONS. WHILE THE PROVISIONS FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE ILL REPRESENT SOME IMPROVEMENT FOR WORKERS, LABOR IS UPSET WITH WHAT IT CONSIDERS THE BIRD GOVERNMENT'S CAVALIER ATTITUDE TO LABOR ISSUES RELATED TO THE GUIANA ISLAND ASIAN VILLAGE PROJECT (REFTEL E), AND IT IS LIKELY THERE WILL BE FURTHER DISSATISFACTION EXPRESSED IN THE MONTHS TO COME BY THE LABOR MOVEMENT ON ANTIGUA. HYDE

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1. ACTION REQUEST IN PARA 4.
2. ON NOVEMBER 28, 1997, SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DONNA E. SHALALA, AND INDIAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, YOGINDER K. ALAGH, SIGNED THE SUBJECT JOINT STATEMENT (TEXT BELOW) AT A WELL-ATTENDED SIGNING CEREMONY IN NEW DELHI. DCM ASHLEY WILLS, AID DIRECTOR LINDA MORSE AND ECON COUNS ALICE DRESS PARTICIPATED IN THE CEREMONY. SECRETARY SHALALA AND MINISTER ALAGH MADE STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT. ALAGH STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING MALE CONTRACEPTIVES AND THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS INCLUDE: NAMING U.S. AND INDIAN MEMBERS OF A JOINT WORKING GROUP, PLANNING INITIAL SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES, CONVENING A JWG MEETING EARLY IN 1998, AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROGRAM TO SOLICIT JOINT RESEARCH PROPOSALS. WITH SIGNING OF THIS JOINT STATEMENT, USE OF USD 1 MILLION EQUIVALENT IN RUPEES FROM INTERIM FUNDS, PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO THIS PROGRAM, IS ASSURED.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF JOINT STATEMENT (SIGNED COPY FAXED TO OES - SHIPPE AND NIH/NICHD - BIALY):

RECOGNIZING:

- THE COMMITMENTS MADE AT THE INTERNATIONAL
- CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN CAIRO - AND
- THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN
- BEIJING TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF
- WOMEN;

- THE LONG HISTORY OF SUCCESSFUL RESEARCH
- COLLABORATION BETWEEN INDIAN AND U.S. SCIENTISTS
- AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE AREA OF REPRODUCTIVE
- BIOLOGY, CONTRACEPTIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT,
- AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH;

- THE IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTARY FAMILY PLANNING AND
- IMPROVING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH FOR INDIVIDUAL,
- FAMILY AND SOCIETAL WELL-BEING; AND,

- THE SCIENTIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS REALIZED UNDER
- PREVIOUS INDO-US COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS,
- INCLUDING THE INDO-US SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SUB-
- COMMISSION, THE GANDHI-REAGAN SCIENCE AND
- TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE, AND THE UNITED STATES
- AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID) AND
- THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY (DBT)
- CONTRACEPTIVE DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH IN
- IMMUNOLOGY (CD&RI) AGREEMENT;

THE AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (GOI) REPRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY (DBT), THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MOHFW), THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH (ICMR), AND THE COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH (CSIR), AND THE AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA), REPRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS) AND USAID, MUTUALLY AGREE TO EXPAND INDO-US COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES ON CONTRACEPTIVE AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH.

IT IS THE INTENT OF BOTH PARTIES TO BUILD UPON PREVIOUS RESEARCH COOPERATION BY DRAWING ON THE EXPERTISE OF INDIAN AND US SCIENTISTS AND INSTITUTIONS TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH THAT WILL RESULT IN EXPANDED CONTRACEPTIVE OPTIONS AND IMPROVED REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH. THE COMPLEX SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL AND SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES THAT UNDERLAY THE UTILIZATION OF CONTRACEPTIVE AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES DICTATE THAT, IN ADDITION TO APPLIED AND BASIC BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH IN THIS FIELD, THERE IS A NEED FOR MORE BEHAVIORAL, ACCEPTABILITY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH THROUGH THIS EXPANDED COLLABORATION INITIATIVE. RECOGNIZING THE DIVERSITY OF POPULATION GROUPS AND SUB-GROUPS, IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS JOINT STATEMENT TO FOSTER COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES THAT ARE CULTURALLY SENSITIVE AND LEGALLY PERMITTED BY THE RESPECTIVE PARTIES.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR THIS NEW INITIATIVE, JOINTLY DEVELOPED AT AN INDO-US MEETING HELD IN NEW DELHI, INDIA,

ON OCTOBER 27, 1997, ARE ATTACHED AS ANNEX 1 AND ARE ENDORSED BY THIS JOINT STATEMENT FOR USE DURING THE EXPANDED COLLABORATION.

CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT OF THE MOHFW SUB-COMMITTEE ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RESEARCH NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH IN HUMAN REPRODUCTION, AND UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 NEW DELHI 012274

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FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS AMONG SCIENTISTS AND ADMINISTRATORS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES, IT IS JOINTLY AGREED THAT THE FOLLOWING BROAD SCIENTIFIC AREAS SHOULD BE PURSUED UNDER THIS INITIATED.

- O MALE METHODS AND MALE INVOLVEMENT: THE
 - DEVELOPMENT OF NEW REVERSIBLE MALE CONTRACEPTIVE
 - METHODS SHOULD INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEN
 - PRACTICING FAMILY PLANNING. IN ADDITION, SOCIAL
 - SCIENCE AND BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH IS NEEDED ON
 - VARIOUS ASPECTS OF MALE BEHAVIOR AS IT RELATES TO
 - THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH OF BOTH MEN AND WOMEN,
 - INCLUDING RESEARCH TO UNDERSTAND WHY VASECTOMY IS
 - AN UNDER UTILIZED METHOD AND TO IMPROVE THE IMAGE
 - AND ACCEPTANCE OF VASECTOMY FOR COUPLES WHO HAVE
 - REACHED THEIR DESIRED FAMILY SIZE.
 - O LONG-ACTING CONTRACEPTION: BIOMEDICAL,
 - ACCEPTABILITY AND INTRODUCTORY RESEARCH IS NEEDED
 - ON CURRENT AND NEW LONG-ACTING INJECTABLE
 - PREPARATIONS FOR WOMEN, INCLUDING NEW SAFE
 - INJECTION SYSTEMS AND STRATEGIES THAT CAN MINIMIZE
 - THE SIDE EFFECTS AND IMPROVE CONTINUATION RATES.
 - O CONTRACEPTION AND STD PREVENTION: EXPANDED
 - RESEARCH SHOULD BE PURSUED ON CONTRACEPTIVE
 - METHODS THAT PROVIDE PROTECTION AGAINST PREGNANCY
 - AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES (STDs) INCLUDING - HIV.
- IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE USE OF BARRIER
- METHODS, INCLUDING PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL METHODS,
 - CAN PROVIDE PROTECTION AGAINST UNPLANNED PREGNANCY - AND
- STDs WHEN USED CORRECTLY AND CONSISTENTLY.
- RESEARCH IS NEEDED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW,
 - EFFECTIVE, ACCEPTABLE, AFFORDABLE AND SAFE METHODS - LIKE
- NEW MALE AND FEMALE CONDOMS AND
- SPERMICIDES/MICROBICIDES, AND TO INCREASE OUR
 - KNOWLEDGE ABOUT AND DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE

- THE USE OF, EXISTING AND NEW METHODS.
- O EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION: THE AVAILABILITY OF
 - METHODS THAT PREVENT PREGNANCY AFTER UNPROTECTED
 - INTERCOURSE, LIKE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVE PILLS,
 - IS VITAL TO WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH. WHILE
 - SUCH METHODS, E.G. MODIFIED USE OF ORAL
 - CONTRACEPTIVES, ARE AVAILABLE AND NEW REGIMENTS
 - ARE BEING DEVELOPED, KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THEIR
 - AVAILABILITY AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THEIR USE IS -
 - LIMITED.
- O SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOR RESEARCH: IN ADDITION TO
 - ACCEPTABILITY RESEARCH CONDUCTED AS PART OF
 - CONTRACEPTIVE CLINICAL TRIALS, IT IS RECOGNIZED
 - THAT SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH IS NEEDED TO
 - BETTER UNDERSTAND FACTORS AFFECTING CONTRACEPTION
 - AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH.
- O EPIDEMIOLOGY: EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES ARE NEEDED
 - TO UNDERSTAND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
 - CONTRACEPTIVE METHODS AND HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES
 - AND CONCERNS. IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO
 - UNDERSTAND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CONTRACEPTIVE
 - USE AND STDS/HIV PROTECTION OR SUSCEPTIBILITY.
- O IMMUNOCONTRACEPTION: THE DEVELOPMENT OF
 - IMMUNOCONTRACEPTIVES (FORMERLY REFERRED TO AS
 - CONTRACEPTIVE VACCINES) HAS FACED SCIENTIFIC AND
 - SOCIAL HURDLES. RESEARCH IS NEEDED TO BRING
 - SEVERAL POTENTIAL LEADS TO THE STAGE OF CLINICAL
 - EVALUATION, TO CONDUCT CLINICAL TRIALS OF PRODUCTS - THAT
 - HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY REGULATORY BODIES FOR
 - RESEARCH IN HUMANS, AND TO EXAMINE CAREFULLY
 - SOCIAL AND HEALTH RELATED ISSUES/CONCERNS.
- O BASIC, APPLIED AND CLINICAL RESEARCH IN
 - REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH: WHILE RESEARCH ON
 - CONTRACEPTION/FAMILY PLANNING AND THE PREVENTION
 - OF STDS/HIV ARE PRIORITY AREAS FOR RESEARCH UNDER
 - THIS INITIATIVE, RESEARCH TO BETTER UNDERSTAND
 - ISSUES IN MALE AND FEMALE REPRODUCTION, INCLUDING
 - VARIOUS REPRODUCTIVE TRACT DISORDERS, IS NEEDED
 - AND WILL ALSO BE A PRIORITY. IMMUNODIAGNOSTIC
 - RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ALSO MAY BE INCLUDED AS A
 - PRIORITY.

IN ADDITION TO THIS ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF RESEARCH AREAS, NEW
RESEARCH TOPICS IN CONTRACEPTION AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CAN BE
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CONSIDERED FOR SUPPORT DURING THE LIFE OF THIS COLLABORATION. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO RAPIDLY REVIEW RESEARCH PROPOSALS AND TO IMPLEMENT JOINTLY APPROVED INDO-US RESEARCH PROJECTS QUICKLY ON BOTH SIDES SO THAT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE WITHOUT UNNECESSARY DELAYS. IT IS ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT THERE WILL BE MULTIPLE SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES SPONSORED UNDER THE AEGIS OF THIS JOINT STATEMENT. BOTH PARTIES AGREE TO MAKE THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE SOURCES OF FUNDS TO SUPPORT ALL ASPECTS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS COLLABORATION.

THIS JOINT STATEMENT SHALL INITIATE ENHANCED COOPERATION ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND CONTRACEPTIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. FURTHER, IT IS THE INTENT OF BOTH COUNTRIES THAT THE PROGRAM CONTINUE FOR AN INITIAL FIVE YEAR PERIOD, AFTER WHICH THE COLLABORATION MAY BE CONTINUED WITH WRITTEN CONCURRENCE FROM BOTH PARTIES.
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4. ACTION REQUEST: POST WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON PLANS FOR CONSTITUTION OF JWG AND FIRST MEETING. END ACTION REQUEST.

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1. ON DECEMBER 12, THE GA TOOK ACTION ON THE THIRD
COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS LISTED BELOW (BY AGENDA ITEM):

BEGIN LIST OF RESOLUTIONS:

AGENDA ITEM	SUBJECT	VOTING RECORD (YES-NO-ABSTAIN)
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102.	INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF OLDER PERSONS (L.2/L.10)	CONSENSUS
102.	FOLLOW-UP TO THE INT'L YEAR OF THE FAMILY (L.3)	CONSENSUS
102.	WORLD PROGRAM OF ACTION CONCERNING DISABLED PERSONS (L.12)	CONSENSUS
102.	YOUTH POLICIES AND PROGRAMS (L.13)	CONSENSUS
102.	EDUCATION FOR ALL (L.11/REV.1)	CONSENSUS
103.	FOLLOW UP TO NAPLES DECLARATION AND GLOBAL	

	PLAN OF ACTION (L.4)	CONSENSUS
103.	MEASURES TO ELIMINATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (L.6)	CONSENSUS
103.	COOPERATION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND BRIBERY (L.7)	CONSENSUS
103.	INT'L COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS (L.8)	CONSENSUS
103.	AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS (L.22)	CONSENSUS
103.	STRENGTHENING CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS (L.23)	CONSENSUS
103.	PREPARATION OF LOTH CRIME PREVENTION CONGRESS (L.5)	CONSENSUS
104.	INT'L ACTION TO COMBAT DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING (L.14 AND CORR.1)	CONSENSUS
105.	WOMEN IN RURAL AREAS (L.15/REV.1)	CONSENSUS
105.	DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN (L.16/REV.1)	CONSENSUS
105.	INT'L RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN (L.17)	CONSENSUS
105.	IMPROVEMENT OF WOMEN'S STATUS IN SECRETARIAT (L.18)	CONSENSUS
105.	VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN MIGRANT WORKERS (L.19)	CONSENSUS
105.	TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND GIRLS (L.20/REV.1)	CONSENSUS
105.	TRADITIONAL OR CUSTOMARY PRACTICES AFFECTING WOMEN AND GIRLS (L.21)	CONSENSUS
106.	FOLLOW-UP TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE	

	ON WOMEN (L.42)	CONSENSUS
107.	ASSISTANCE TO AFRICAN REFUGEES, RETURNEES, AND DISPLACED PERSONS (L.27)	CONSENSUS
107.	CIS CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 04 USUN NEW YORK 004334	
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	(L.28)	CONSENSUS
107.	OFFICE OF UNHCR (L.29)	CONSENSUS
107.	CONTINUATION OF OFFICE OF UNHCR (L.30)	CONSENSUS
107.	ASSISTANCE TO UNACCOMPANIED REFUGEE MINORS (L.26)	CONSENSUS
108.	GIRL CHILD (L.24)	CONSENSUS
108.	RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (L.25)	CONSENSUS
109.	INT'L DECADE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE (L.40/REV.1)	CONSENSUS
110.	MEASURES TO COMBAT RACISM, DISCRIMINATION AND XENOPHOBIA (L.31/REV.1)	CONSENSUS
110.	REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (L.32)	CONSENSUS
110.	THIRD DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (L.38/REV.1)	CONSENSUS
111.	USE OF MERCENARIES AS A MEANS OF VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS AND IMPEDING SELF-DETERMINATION (L.33)	113-18 (U.S.) -41
111.	UNIVERSAL REALIZATION OF PEOPLES' RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION (L.34)	CONSENSUS

111. PALESTINIAN PEOPLES'
RIGHT TO SELF-
DETERMINATION (L.41) 160-2 (U.S.) -6

112A. CONVENTION ON THE
PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS
OF ALL MIGRANT WORKERS
AND FAMILY MEMBERS (L.35) CONSENSUS

112A. INT'L CONVENANTS ON
HUMAN RIGHTS (L.37) CONSENSUS

112A. 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS (L.49) CONSENSUS

112A. IMPLEMENTATION OF INT'L
INSTRUMENTS ON HUMAN
RIGHTS, INCLUDING
REPORTING OBLIGATIONS
(L.36/REV.1) OP21: 118 (U.S.) -5-37
RES: CONSENSUS

112B. RESPECT FOR NAT'L
SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-
INTERFERENCE IN STATES'
ELECTORAL PROCESSES
(L.44) 96-58 (U.S.) -12

112B. HUMAN RIGHTS AND
UNILATERAL COERCIVE
MEASURES (L.46) 91-46 (U.S.) -26

112B. MIGRANTS' FREEDOM TO
TRAVEL AND FAMILY
REUNIFICATION (L.47) 91-1 (U.S.) -73

112B. ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS
OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE
(L.48) CONSENSUS

112B. RIGHTS OF NATIONAL ETHNIC,
RELIGIOUS, AND LINGUISTIC
MINORITIES (L.51) CONSENSUS

112B. HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE
ADMINISTRATION OF
JUSTICE (L.52) CONSENSUS

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112B.	STRENGTHENING THE RULE OF LAW (L.53)	CONSENSUS
112B.	PROTECTION OF UN PERSONNEL (L.50)	CONSENSUS
112B.	HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION DECADE (L.55 AND CORR.L)	CONSENSUS
112B.	NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (L.60)	CONSENSUS
112B.	STRENGTHENING THE UN ROLE IN ELECTORAL PROCESSES AND PROMOTION OF DEMOCRACY (L.45)	157 (U.S.) -0-15
112B.	INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (L.56)	CONSENSUS
112B.	STRENGTHENING UN HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIONS THROUGH PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND IMPORTANCE OF NON-SELECTIVITY, IMPARTIALITY, AND OBJECTIVITY (L.57)	116-2 (U.S.) -50
112B.	HUMAN RIGHTS AND MASS EXODUSES (L.59)	CONSENSUS
112B.	HUMAN RIGHTS AND TERRORISM (L.58)	115-0-57 (U.S.)
112B.	ENHANCEMENT OF INT'L HUMAN RIGHTS COOPERATION (L.67)	CONSENSUS
112B.	HUMAN RIGHTS IN CAMBODIA (L.68)	CONSENSUS
112B.	RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT (L.66/REV.L)	129-12 (U.S.) -32
112B.	1998 HUMAN RIGHTS PRIZES (L.76)	CONSENSUS
112C.	HUMAN RIGHTS IN MYANMAR (L.63)	CONSENSUS
112C.	HUMAN RIGHTS IN HAITI (L.54)	CONSENSUS
112C.	HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOSOVO (L.61)	106 (U.S.) -2-56
112C.	HUMAN RIGHTS IN	

	SUDAN (L.62)	93 (U.S.) -16-58
112C.	HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAQ (L.71)	99 (U.S.) -3-60
112C.	HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN (L.72)	74 (U.S.) -32-56
112C.	HUMAN RIGHTS IN CUBA (L.73)	64 (U.S.) -29-75
112C.	HUMAN RIGHTS IN NIGERIA (L.70)	81 (U.S.) -18-64
112C.	HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFGHANISTAN (L.75)	CONSENSUS
112C.	HUMAN RIGHTS IN RWANDA (L.65/REV.1)	CONSENSUS
112C.	HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA (L.69/REV.1)	133 (U.S.) -2-27
112D.	COMPREHENSIVE FOLLOW-UP TO THE VIENNA DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION (L.64)	CONSENSUS
12.	INT'L DAY IN SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF TORTURE (L.66)	CONSENSUS

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EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE (EOV): ITEM 105

2. THE SUDANESE REPRESENTATIVE SAID THE LANGUAGE IN RESOLUTION L.15 ("WOMEN IN RURAL AREAS") SUPPORTING WOMEN'S RIGHTS TO INHERIT LAND CONTRADICTS ISLAMIC SHARIA LAW AND CANNOT BE NEGOTIATED OR COMPROMISED. THE BAHRAINIAN REP AGREED, NOTING THAT ISLAMIC LAW GRANTS WOMEN THE RIGHT TO INHERIT ONE-HALF OF WHAT THE MAN RECEIVES. THE ZAMBIAN REP ARGUED THAT RESTRICTIONS ON WOMEN'S RIGHT TO INHERIT LAND ARE A MAJOR CAUSE OF THE "FEMINIZATION OF POVERTY." HE SAID EQUAL INHERITANCE RIGHTS ARE VITALLY IMPORTANT TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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3. THE LEBANESE REP SAID RESOLUTION L.58 ("HUMAN RIGHTS AND TERRORISM") MAKES NO MENTION OF STATE-SPONSORED TERRORISM SUCH AS THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF SOUTHERN LEBANON. THE RESOLUTION HAS NO CLEAR DEFINITION OF TERRORISM. IT DOES NOT DISTINGUISH PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO RESIST THE OCCUPATION OF THEIR HOME TERRITORY.

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4. IN A LENGTHY STATEMENT, THE SUDANESE REP DEFENDED HIS GOVERNMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD. HE SAID U.S. SANCTIONS ARE A GROSS VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THE U.S. IS PURPOSELY DELAYING THE NAIROBI PEACE TALKS IN ORDER TO PROLONG THE FIGHTING IN SOUTHERN SUDAN AND PRESSURE THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT. HE URGED THE G-77 TO VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION ON THE ADDITIONAL GROUND THAT IT CONTAINED THE PHRASE "WITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES." VOTES OF SUB-SAHARAN AS WELL AS MUSLIM AFRICAN STATES GENERALLY TRACKED THOSE OF LAST YEAR WITH ELEVEN SUB-SAHARAN MEMBER STATES SUPPORTING THE RESOLUTION (VICE TEN IN 1996) AND MOST MUSLIM AFRICAN STATES ABSTAINING.

5. THE CUBAN REP CALLED RESOLUTION L.73 ("HUMAN RIGHTS IN CUBA") A "VULGAR SLANDER" AGAINST HIS GOVERNMENT. HE ATTACKED U.S. RACISM, INJUSTICE, HATRED, GREED AND VIOLENCE. HE CONDEMNED U.S. DEMOCRACY WITH ITS "SALE OF VOTES AND LAWS," CORRUPTION, INSTITUTIONALIZED BRIBERY AND THE "RENTAL OF ROOMS" IN OFFICIAL RESIDENCES. THE U.S. VOTING PATTERN IN THE GA PROTECTS AND PERPETUATES THE USG'S OWN "GROSS VIOLATIONS" OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THE U.S. IS A COUNTRY OF RACISM AND INEQUALITY WHERE IMMIGRANTS ARE "HATED, EXPLOITED. . . ENSLAVED, OR MURDERED IN A 'LOW-INTENSITY' WAR IN THE SOUTH BORDER." THE U.S. PLACES SOUTHERN COUNTRIES ON "THE DEFENDANT'S SEAT," WHILE IGNORING ITS OWN HORRORS, INCLUDING THE "TRADE OF ORGANS, EVEN CHILD'S ORGANS" AND "EXOTIC" PROSTITUTION. THE RESOLUTION HAS ONLY ONE AUTHOR AND A "SMALL GROUP OF MINOR PARTNERS" TO SUPPORT IT.

6. THE IRAQI REP SAID THE HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS ON IRAQ, CUBA, SUDAN AND NIGERIA HAVE NO CONNECTION WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AND ARE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. THE NIGERIAN REP SAID RESOLUTION L.70 ("HUMAN RIGHTS IN NIGERIA") IS A "VEHICLE FOR BLATANT INTERFERENCE" IN HIS COUNTRY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IT IS A "GROSS MISREPRESENTATION" OF THE SITUATION IN NIGERIA WHICH WILL SET BACK THE PATH TO DEMOCRACY.

7. THE INDIAN REP SAID HIS GOVERNMENT VOTED AGAINST RESOLUTION L.69/REV.1 ("HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA") BECAUSE IT REFERS TO ONE REGION (KOSOVO) OF A COUNTRY AS THOUGH IT WERE SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM

THE WHOLE COUNTRY. THE CHINESE REP CONCURRED, SAYING HS GOVERNMENT OPPOSES ALL RESOLUTIONS WHICH CONCERN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF ONE COUNTRY.

8. MANY DELEGATIONS TOOK ISSUE WITH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4(G) OF RESOLUTION L.72 ("HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN"), WHICH OPPOSES CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR APOSTASY OR NON-VIOLENT CRIMES. SEVERAL REPS RESERVED THEIR GOVERNMENT'S RIGHT TO DETERMINE CAPITAL CRIMES WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE OR "VALUE JUDGEMENTS." RICHARDSON

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1. IN A LETTER DATED 12/17/97, UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL NAFIS SADIK REQUESTED AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON TO FORWARD AN ENCLOSED LETTER DATED 12/12/97 TO FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON THANKING HER FOR HER SPEECH ON AT THE UN CEREMONIES IN NEW YORK ON HUMAN RIGHTS DAY. ORIGINAL POUCHED TO BEVERLY ZWEIBEN, IO/ESA ON 12/19/97.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON.

EXCELLENCY,

- I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD KINDLY FORWARD THE ENCLOSED LETTER TO HER EXCELLENCY MRS. HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

- A COPY OF THE LETTER IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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

NAFIS SADIK, M.D.
UNDER-SECRETARY GENERAL
UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND
END TEXT.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER TO FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON.

DEAR MRS. RODHAM-CLINTON,

I JUST WANTED TO SEND YOU A FEW WORDS TO SAY AGAIN HOW VERY PLEASED AND HONOURED I WAS TO PARTICIPATE TOGETHER WITH YOU AND OTHER DIGNITARIES AT THE CEREMONY TO LAUNCH THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ON 10 DECEMBER 1997 HERE AT THE UNITED NATIONS. IT WAS A VERY IMPORTANT EVENT AND YOUR PRESENCE THERE MADE IT VERY SPECIAL.

I WANT TO ALSO REITERATE TO YOU MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE EXCELLENT SPEECH YOU PRESENTED. ONCE AGAIN, YOU DELIVERED A MOST COMPASSIONATE AND POWERFUL STATEMENT WHICH SET THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARD FOR US ALL. IN PARTICULAR, I WAS SO PLEASED THAT YOU RECALLED THE OFTEN FORGOTTEN FACT THAT "HUMAN RIGHTS ARE WOMENS'S RIGHTS AND THAT WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS." THIS WAS UNDERSCORED NOT ONLY IN THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN BUT ALSO IN A VERY FUNDAMENTAL WAY AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (ICPD) THE YEAR BEFORE, WHICH BROKE NEW GROUND IN GAINING ACCEPTANCE FOR THE NOTION OF REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AS WELL.

ONCE AGAIN, I SEND YOU MY DEEP GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION FOR THE COURAGEOUS AND VISIONARY LEADERSHIP YOU CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TO THESE VERY IMPORTANT, YET SO OFTEN NEGLECTED ISSUES.

WITH WARMEST SEASONS' GREETINGS AND KIND PERSONAL REGARDS,
YOURS SINCERELY,

NAFIS SADIK, M.D.
UNDER-SECRETARY GENERAL.

END TEXT.
RICHARDSON

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1. SUMMARY: TRUE NGO'S OF ANY KIND ARE A RECENT PHENOMENON IN CHINA. ONLY IN RECENT YEARS HAVE THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT BEEN WILLING TO PERMIT FORMATION OF PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, AND THEN ONLY IF THE ORGANIZATIONS REGISTER WITH A GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT BUREAU. IN THE CASE OF ENVIRONMENTAL NGO'S THE DECIDING FACTOR THAT CONVINCED THE GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW THEM APPEARS TO BE THE GROWING CONCERN ABOUT CHINA'S SEVERE ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION AND THE RELATIVE INEFFECTIVENESS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN EDUCATING AND MOTIVATING THE PEOPLE TO TRY TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM. CHINA NOW HAS SEVERAL GRASSROOTS "GREEN" NGO'S AS WELL AS A GROWING NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLUBS AND STUDENT GROUPS CENTERED AROUND UNIVERSITIES. FAR FROM DISCOURAGING THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE GROUPS, THE GOVERNMENT TACITLY SUPPORTS THEIR WORK AND PUBLICIZES THEIR EFFORTS IN THE STATE RUN MEDIA IN AN EFFORT TO RAISE THE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS OF THE PEOPLE. END SUMMARY.

2. ESTCOUNS HAS MET WITH MEMBERS OF SEVERAL ENVIRONMENTAL NGO'S IN BEIJING AND RECENTLY HAD LUNCH WITH A PROMINENT "GREEN ACTIVIST." THE ACTIVIST PROVIDED A COPY OF A PAPER PREPARED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PROFESSOR FROM EUROPE DISCUSSING ENVIRONMENTAL NGO'S IN CHINA. THIS CABLE IS A DISTILLATION OF THE INFORMATION FROM THE MEETINGS AND THE REPORT.

3. TRADITIONALLY, POLITICAL POWER IN CHINA RESTS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY WITH GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES PERFORMING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH FUNCTIONS. THE MOST POWERFUL ENVIRONMENTAL ORGAN IN THE COUNTRY IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE, MADE UP OF MEMBERS OF CHINA'S RULING STATE COUNCIL AND DIRECTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION. UNDER THE COMMITTEE IS THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADMINISTRATION (NEPA), WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS. NEPA NOT ONLY ENFORCES ANTI-POLLUTION LAWS, BUT ALSO SETS UP "PRIVATE" CORPORATIONS TO MANUFACTURE REMEDIATION EQUIPMENT AND MAINTAINS CONTACTS WITH INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, THE LATTER THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ORGANIZED BY NEPA, BUT OFTEN IDENTIFIED AS NGO'S. (GOVERNMENT ORGANIZED AND FUNDED, BUT NOMINALLY PRIVATE, "PEOPLE'S ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETIES OR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATIONS ARE A STANDARD MECHANISM FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO TAP INTO NGO'S OVERSEAS WITHOUT RELINQUISHING CONTROL OF ACTIVITIES IN CHINA.)

3. CHINA'S LEGISLATURE, THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS (NPC), ALSO HAS AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE, CURRENTLY RUN BY THE RETIRED DIRECTR AND FOUNDER OF NEPA. THIS COMMITTEE OVERSEES DRAFTING AND PASSAGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION, BUT HAS LITTLE REAL POWER, SINCE THE LAWS ALL HAVE TO BE VETTED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY ORGANIZATION BEFORE THEY CAN BE CONSIDERED AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAWS RESTS WITH THE PARTY AND NEPA.

4. THE CHINESE PEOPLE HAVE NOT TRADITIONALLY FELT RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING "COMMON AREAS" AS IS THE CASE IN MOST WESTERN COUNTRIES. EVERYTHING OUTSIDE ONE'S GATE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND OFFICIALS DEVOTED EITHER FUNDS OR RESOURCES IN THE FORM OF REQUIRED LABOR TO MAINTAIN ROADS, CANALS, OR NATURAL RESOURCES. GIVEN THIS MIND-SET, THE "PEOPLE" HAVE NOT WORRIED ABOUT DUMPING THEIR GARBAGE IN THE STREET OR POURING WASTE FROM FACTORIES INTO LOCAL STREAMS. ITS THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CLEAN IT UP, NOT THEIRS.

5. WHILE THIS ATTITUDE WAS NOT CONSIDERED A PROBLEM IN THE PAST, IN RECENT YEARS IT HAS BECOME EVIDENT TO THE GOVERNMENT THAT IT CAN NOT CONTINUE TO ASSUME ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY. CHINA, IN ITS RELENTLESS DRIVE TO DEVELOP ITS ECONOMY, HAS NEGLECTED THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF UNBRIDLED GROWTH AND THE COSTS OF THIS NEGLECT ARE GROWING DAILY. IF THE GOVERNMENT CAN NOT

INSTILL THE IDEAS OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY INTO THE "MASSES", ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF STOPPING OVER-EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, THE CONSEQUENCES OF PROBLEMS LIKE WATER SHORTAGES, AIR POLLUTION RELATED ILLNESS, AND LOSS OF ARABLE LAND FROM EROSION AND TOXIC WASTES COULD LEAD TO UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 04 BEIJING 044375

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ECONOMIC DISASTERS AND WIDESPREAD POLITICAL INSTABILITY. THE GOVERNMENT SEES NGO'S AS ONE MORE WAY TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC, WHO ARE MORE LIKELY TO BELIEVE A STUDENT ACTIVIST'S PLEA TO SAVE OLD-GROWTH FOREST THAN AN OFFICIAL EXHORTATION TO "PRESERVE NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL."

6. CHINA CURRENTLY HAS THREE "GRASS ROOTS" NGO'S, ALL OF WHICH HAVE COME INTO BEING WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

FRIENDS OF NATURE: FOUNDED BY A RETIRED EDITOR AND UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, LIANG CONGJIE, THIS WAS CHINA'S FIRST ENVIRONMENTAL NGO. THE ORGANIZATION HAS 500-600 ACTIVE MEMBERS, PRIMARILY SCHOLARS AND BUSINESS PEOPLE. ITS FOCUS IS ON MASS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, RESEARCH ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, AND MOBILIZING OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE EFFORTS TO FIND SOLUTIONS. IT HAS HELD A SERIES OF "GREEN CULTURE" ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING ORGANIZING SEVERAL FORUMS TO DISCUSS POLLUTION, HOLDING SUMMER CAMPS FOR CHILDREN TO EXPOSE THEM TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, ARRANGING A TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE A DEGRADED LAND AREA, AND PUBLISHING A SERIES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POPULAR SCIENCE BOOKS. THEIR ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN VERY WELL RECEIVED AND THEY ARE PROBABLY THE MOST WIDELY KNOWN "GREEN" ORGANIZATION IN CHINA. THE GOVERNMENT ALSO ACCLAIMS THEIR PROGRAMS AND THEY WERE COMMENDED BY THE HEAD OF THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE AT THE FOURTH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CONFERENCE IN 1996.

GLOBAL VILLAGE CULTURAL CENTER: THIS ORGANIZATION WAS FOUNDED DURING THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN HELD IN BEIJING IN 1995. ONE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S MAIN CONCERNS IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WOMEN AND THE ENVIRONMENT. THEY PRODUCE TWO WEEKLY TELEVISION SHOWS CALLED "TIME FOR ENVIRONMENT" AND "GREEN CIVILIZATION AND CHINA", AS WELL AS AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL COLUMNS IN SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS. THEY STRESS THAT WOMEN ARE THE PRIMARY CONSUMERS IN CHINA AND THEY ENCOURAGE WOMEN TO FOLLOW A MORE SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE, E.G. LIMIT PURCHASE OF DISPOSABLE PRODUCTS, RECYCLE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, HANDLE WASTE RESPONSIBLY, AND TRY TO HAVE A SIMPLER, LESS

MATERIALISTIC LIFESTYLE. THE GROUP ESTABLISHED A NATIONAL "GREEN VOLUNTEERS NETWORK" AND SET UP A PILOT SOLID WASTE RECOVERY AND RECYCLING POINT IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA IN WESTERN BEIJING. THE GROUP HAS APPROXIMATELY 1,000 MEMBERS AND IS ALSO MENTIONED FAVORABLY BY GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICIALS. THE HEAD OF THE NPC ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE SERVES AS AN ADVISOR TO THE GROUP.

GREEN EARTH VOLUNTEERS: THIS ORGANIZATION WAS FORMED AT THE END OF 1996 BY A REPORTER WHO WAS FORMERLY A DIRECTOR OF "FRIENDS OF NATURE." THE GROUP PROMOTES TREE PLANTING IN BARREN AREAS, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY IN POOR AREAS, BIRD WATCHING, AND SMALL GARDEN PLOTS FOR URBAN RESIDENTS TO TRY ORGANIC GARDENING. THEY HAVE A REGULAR "TRAINING PLAN FOR ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS" TO TRAIN PEOPLE TO BECOME TEACHERS AND SPREAD ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION. THEY ALSO SPONSOR A CHILDREN'S PROGRAM CALLED "LITTLE GREEN EARTH VOLUNTEERS" WHICH HAS ORGANIZED CHILDREN TO PUBLICIZE THE FLIGHT OF THE YANGTZE RIVER DOLPHIN, SET UP A SOLID WASTE RECYCLING TEAM AND A TREE PLANTING EFFORT.

7. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE THREE NGO'S THERE IS ANOTHER ORGANIZATION CALLED THE INSTITUTE OF HUMAN ECOLOGY INTERNATIONAL (IHEI), FOUNDED BY THE U.S. EDUCATED DAUGHTER OF A HIGH RANKING PARTY MEMBER AND FORMER MINISTER OF DEFENSE. IHEI RECENTLY SPONSORED AND ORGANIZED "CHINA ENVIRONMENT FORUM 97", HELD NOVEMBER 18-21 IN BEIJING. THE FORUM BROUGHT TOGETHER CHINESE OFFICIALS WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, INTERNATIONAL NGOS AND PRIVATE SECTOR FIRMS WITH EXPERTISE IN ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT. THE BASIC PREMISE WAS THAT CHINA'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS ARE NOT STRICTLY AN INTERNAL ISSUE, SINCE POLLUTION DOESN'T STAY WITHIN NATIONAL BORDERS AND THAT THE PROBLEMS ARE TOO LARGE TO SOLVE SOLELY WITH EXISTING DOMESTIC FUNDS AND EXPERLSE. THE INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE SECTOR CAN OFFER SOLUTIONS AND INTERNATIONAL NGOS CAN OFFER BOTH POSSIBLE RESOURCES AND THE BENEFIT OF YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS. THE FORUM WAS VERY WELL UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 BEIJING 044375

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ATTENDED, AND PRESENTATIONS BY BOTH CHINESE AND FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS WERE INTERESTING AND POTENTIALLY USEFUL. THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND YEARS WILL DETERMINE IF IHEI'S PREMISE IS TIMELY AND APPLICABLE IN THE CHINA CONTEXT.

8. CHINESE UNIVERSITIES HAVE LONG BEEN CENTERS OF

ACTIVISM AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD IS NO EXCEPTION. STUDENT GROUPS ARE ACTIVE IN MANY UNIVERSITIES, INCLUDING QING HUA, PEOPLE'S UNIVERSITY, THE INSTITUTE OF LIGHT INDUSTRY AND BEIJING UNIVERSITY OF FORESTRY IN BEIJING, CHONGQING UNIVERSITY, HEBEI UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND TRADE, LIAONING UNIVERSITY AND MANY OTHERS. THESE ORGANIZATIONS SPONSOR CLASSES TO INCREASE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS, BOTH ON CAMPUS AND IN SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, HOLD STREET FAIRS ON EARTH DAY, SET UP FIELD TRIPS TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, ARRANGE CLEAN-UP DAYS IN NEARBY AREAS, AND PUT ON EXHIBITIONS OF PHOTOGRAPHS OR DISPLAYS HIGHLIGHTING PROBLEMS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN VERY TOLERANT OF THIS TYPE OF STUDENT ACTIVITY AND IN FACT HAS PUBLICIZED SEVERAL STUDENT TRIPS IN THE NATIONAL MEDIA TO DRAW ATTENTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

9. THERE ARE ALSO INSTANCES OF LOCAL VILLAGES OR NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEES CARRYING OUT CLEAN-UP DAYS OR TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGNS WITHOUT DIRECTION FROM ABOVE. THE ORGANIZATIONS THEMSELVES ARE, IN FACT, GOVERNMENT UNITS, BUT THE ACTIVITIES WERE NOT GOVERNMENT SPONSORED OR FUNDED.

10. SOME INDIVIDUALS ALSO TAKE IT UPON THEMSELVES TO PROMOTE PARTICULAR CAUSES. THE FORMER EDITOR OF "GREAT NATURE" MAGAZINE, TANG XIYANG, CONTINUES TO WRITE ARTICLES AND GIVE LECTURES ON "GREEN" ISSUES. HE AND HIS LATE WIFE WROTE A BOOK, "EXPLORING SCENIC SPOTS IN NATURE RESERVES", WHICH HAS BEEN TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH. HIS ACTIVITIES TO SAVE SUMMER CAMPS AND RESCUE THE GOLDEN MONKEY ARE THE SUBJECT OF PREVIOUS EMBASSY REPORTING.

11. THE GOVERNMENT AND PARTY ARE NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT OPEN DISSENT AND DIRECT OPPOSITION TO ESTABLISHED PROJECTS OR POLICIES. IN ONE INSTANCE A PHOTOGRAPHER FROM A PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THREATS BY LOGGERS TO A HABITAT FOR AN ENDANGERED SPECIES. WHEN HE COULDN'T GET ANY ACTION AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL HE TOOK HIS CASE TO BEIJING AND THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. THE LOGGING WAS STOPPED, BUT HE LOST HIS JOB IN THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND WAS FORCED TO MOVE TO BEIJING TO SEEK WORK. IN A SECOND INSTANCE, A PROMINENT JOURNALIST LED A DRIVE FOR OPENNESS IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS FOR THE THREE GORGES DAM PROJECT. HER ACTIONS WERE PERCEIVED AS OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT AND SHE LOST HER JOB AND ANY OTHER CHANCE OF EMPLOYMENT BY CHINESE ORGANIZATIONS. SHE IS FORBIDDEN FROM JOINING ANY TYPE OF MASS MOVEMENTS AND OTHER NGOS FEEL THAT TO BE IDENTIFIED AS BEING FRIENDLY WITH HER IS TO RISK OFFICIAL DISPLEASURE AND POSSIBLE DISBANDMENT. (NOTE: THE ACTIVIST WAS ALSO PART OF THE DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT AT THE TIME OF THE TIANANMEN SQUARE INCIDENT. PART OF HER DIFFICULTIES WITH THE GOVERNMENT STEMS FROM THIS POLITICAL ACTIVISM, AS WELL AS HER VOCAL CRITICISM OF THE THREE GORGES DAM. END NOTE.)

12. CONCLUSION: THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT AND

GRASSROOTS NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENT A RELATIVELY NEW PHENOMENON IN CHINA. THE MOVEMENT IS TRYING TO CHANGE CENTURIES OLD CUSTOMS AND BELIEFS: I.E.; NATURAL RESOURCES ARE FROM THE HEAVENS AND ITS NOT UP TO INDIVIDUALS TO PRESERVE THEM OR USE THEM IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER, INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN'S RESPONSIBILITIES STOP AT THEIR FRONT GATE, ITS UP TO THE GOVERNMENT TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS, NOT THE CITIZENS.

13. INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS THAT OPENLY QUESTION EXISTING GOVERNMENT POLICIES ARE THE SUBJECT OF DISFAVOR, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT CURRENTLY BEING ARRESTED OR OPENLY HARASSED. THOSE ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE WILLING TO TAKE RELATIVELY NON-CONTROVERSIAL POSITIONS AND PROMOTE IDEAS THAT THE GOVERNMENT FAVORS ARE RECEIVING MORAL SUPPORT AND PUBLICITY FROM OFFICIAL MEDIA. THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT HAS GOTTEN OFF TO A GOOD, IF SOMEWHAT UNEVEN START, BUT ONLY TIME WILL DETERMINE IF THEIR EFFORTS CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN SAVING CHINA FROM ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION.

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