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1. AS REQUESTED REFTTEL, POST PROVIDES A SUMMARY OF
RECENT USG POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND INITIATIVES
BENEFITING WOMEN:

POLICY

POST HIGHLIGHTS WOMEN'S ISSUES IN ITS HUMAN RIGHTS
ADVOCACY WITH THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT. OF PARTICULAR
CONCERN ARE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, TRAFFICKING IN
WOMEN, AND CERTAIN LEGAL STATUTES PREJUDICIAL TO WOMEN.
POST ALSO REPORTS FREQUENTLY ON WOMEN'S ISSUES. POST
AND THE DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN ACTIVE PROMOTERS OF AFGHAN
WOMEN'S RIGHTS. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SPOKE OUT
PUBLICLY ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN DURING A VISIT TO
PAKISTAN IN 1997. FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON RECOGNIZED
THE WORK OF TWO AFGHAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION IN A HUMAN
RIGHTS DAY CELEBRATION IN DECEMBER 1998. SA ASSISTANT
SECRETARY INDERFURTH AND OTHERS HAVE RAISED THE ISSUE OF
WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN MEETINGS WITH TALIBAN AND PAKISTANI
OFFICIALS AND IN TESTIMONY. THIS YEAR AND LAST THE
UNITED STATES DRAFTED THE COUNTRY RESOLUTIONS ON
AFGHANISTAN IN THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UN'S COMMISSION

ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN.

STATE-GENERATED INITIATIVES

PAKISTAN NGO INITIATIVE (PNI):

IN THE ABSENCE OF AN USAID PROGRAM IN PAKISTAN, THE MAIN USAID INITIATIVE IN THE AREA OF PAKISTANI WOMEN'S RIGHTS IS THE PAKISTAN NGO INITIATIVE. NOW FUNDED JOINTLY BY USAID AND THE SOUTH ASIA BUREAU, THE PAKISTAN NGO INITIATIVE IS A MULTI-YEAR PROGRAM BEGUN IN 1995 AND SLATED TO RUN THROUGH 2000. TOTAL FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM IS EXPECTED TO REACH USD 15 MILLION. THE FUNDS ARE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE ASIA FOUNDATION AND THE AGA KHAN FOUNDATION AS IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS WITH OVERSIGHT BY THE EMBASSY. AMONG PNI CRITICAL OBJECTIVES ARE STRENGTHENING WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT, ENHANCED ACCESS TO SERVICES IN THE AREAS OF HEALTH AND NUTRITION, FAMILY PLANNING, PRIMARY EDUCATION, AND MICRO-FINANCE. SUB-GRANTEES ADMINISTER A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS IN THESE AREAS, AND FUNDING UP TO USD 150,000 FROM U.S. COMPANIES ACTIVE IN PAKISTAN HAS STRENGTHENED THE MICRO FINANCING ACTIVITY.

SA REGIONAL DEMOCRACY FUND:

POST SUBMITTED A USD 1.7 MILLION FY99 FUNDING REQUEST UNDER THE SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL DEMOCRACY FUND. INCLUDED IN THIS REQUEST WAS USD 400,000 FOR A PROGRAM TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN, MIGRANT WORKERS AND CHILDREN. ADMINISTERED BY THE AFL-CIO, THIS PROGRAM WOULD ESTABLISH A WOMAN WOTg: & JNDATION AND AGA KHAN FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES IN FY99. AMONG THE OBJECTIVES FOR THIS DISCRETIONARY FUND WAS EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN. THE DEPARTMENT WAS UNABLE TO FUND OUR REQUEST IN FY99, BUT POST'S SUBMISSION IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR FY2000.

AFGHAN WOMEN:

IN FY98, PRM FUNDED USD 3.3 MILLION WORTH OF PROJECTS SPECIFICALLY TARGETING AFGHAN WOMEN AND GIRLS, INCLUDING USD 1.5 MILLION FOR EDUCATION AND HEALTH IN PAKISTAN. PRM FUNDING IN THESE AREAS IS CONTINUING. IN THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF THE SOUTH ASIA BUREAU'S REGIONAL DEMOCRACY FUND, SA MADE AVAILABLE USD 700,000 FOR PROGRAMS DEVOTED TO AFGHAN WOMEN'S CAPACITY BUILDING AND CIVIL SOCIETY. THIS MONEY HAS NOT YET BEEN SPENT.

OUTYEAR FUNDING:

THE SA BUREAU HAS REQUESTED USD 8 MILLION FOR A REGIONAL WOMEN AND CHILDREN SUPPORT FUND TO PROMOTE ANTI-TRAFFICKING PROGRAMS, REDUCE CHILD LABOR, AND INCREASE MICRO CREDIT FOR WOMEN. SHOULD THIS FUND BE APPROVED, POST WILL PROPOSE PROJECTS UNDER THIS RUBRIC.

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY PROGRAMS

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SINCE 1995, THE PUBLIC DIPLOMACY SECTION (USIS) HAS
CREATED AND CARRIED OUT MANY PROGRAMS FOCUSSED O THE
EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN IN THE POLITICAL, ECOOMIC AND
SOCIAL SPHERE. WHAT FOLLOWS ARE EXAMLES OF A FEW OF
THE USIS PROGRAMS THAT HAVE ADDRSED THESE ISSUES.

WORKSHOPS/LECTURES/PRORAMS:

--- "THE ROLE AND IMAGE OF WOMEN IN TE MEDIA" (1997)

-- "WOMEN IN POLITICS" EMPWERMENT WORKSHOPS ACHIEVE
RESULTS (1998)

-- "TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN' PROGRAM DAWS
CAPACITY AUDIENCE IN ISLAMABAD (1998)

-- POST GENERATED INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY PRORAM
(1998)

--- "ISLAMIC FEMINISM: MOVING BEYOND THE POLARIZED
GENDER DEBATE IN PAKISTAN (1998)

--- USIS SPEAKERS CHALLENGE TRADITIONALIST MULLAHS'
VIEWS OF WOMEN (1999)

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS:

THE PUBLIC DIPLOMACY SECTION (USIS) MANAGES THE
INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM, AS WELL AS OTHER
EXCHANGES, AND REPRESENTS THE MISSION ON THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM IN PAKISTAN. 97 WOMEN
PARTICIPATED IN IV AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS OVER THE LAST
FIVE YEARS.

WORLDNET AND OTHER PROGRAMS:

--"ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS" (1995)

-- "WOMEN AND HEALTH CARE" (1995)

--"THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE BEIJING WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE" (1996)

--"THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY"

USIS LIBRARY PROGRAMS:

THE AMERICAN CENTER INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER (IRC) FREQUENTLY HOSTS WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS OF STUDENTS FOR EDUCATION ON INFORMATION RESOURCES AVAILABLE VIA INTERNET. THE IRC HAS ALSO DISSEMINATED BOOKS AND OTHER MATERIALS TO WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND DISTRIBUTED A LIST OF BOOKS, ARTICLES, AND ELECTRONIC INFORMATION RESOURCES ON WOMEN'S STUDIES.

2. POINT OF CONTACT: POLITICAL OFFICER JEFF HAWKINS.
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1. EMBOFF DELIVERED TWO COPIES OF "1999 UPDATE AMERICA'S COMMITMENT" AND COPIES OF THE USG'S GOALS AND EFFORTS OUTLINED IN REFTTEL, TO HAJAH MORDIAH BTE HAJI JACKIA, THE SENIOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS OFFICER AT THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS. ALSO PRESENT AT THE MEETING WAS THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND WELFARE, ROSTINAH BTE POP HJI MOHD TAHIR, WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

2. BOTH OFFICERS CHARACTERIZE BRUNEI AS A MUSLIM COUNTRY, WHICH IS ALSO CULTURALLY A "PATRIARCHAL SOCIETY", AND AS SUCH, IT IS MOVING SLOWLY TO ADAPT THE BEIJING PLATFORM TO ITS SPECIFIC NEEDS. MORDIAH AND ROSTINAH BELIEVE THAT THE BEIJING PLATFORM INITIATIVES HAVE EMPOWERED BRUNEI WOMEN, WORKING IN THE GOVERNMENT AND IN NGO'S TO MOVE FORWARD MORE CONFIDENTLY. THEY FEEL THAT DESPITE SOCIETAL CONSTRAINTS, "WHICH ARE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO CHANGE," THERE HAS BEEN SOME PROGRESS IN ENHANCING AWARENESS AMONG BRUNEI DECISION-MAKERS, WHICH ARE LARGELY MEN, OF WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTRY AND SOCIETY.

3. BRUNEI WILL BE SENDING A DELEGATION TO THE OCTOBER

ESCAP IN BANGKOK. PARTICIPATION IN SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS REMAINS UNCONFIRMED. EMBOFF URGED THAT FOR THE JUNE 2000 UNGA, THE DELEGATION BE HEADED BY A HIGH RANKING OFFICIAL AND THAT BRUNEI WOMEN NGOS ALSO BE REPRESENTED. THE PERMANENT SECRETARY AT THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS, DATIN HAJAH AZIZAH, AND THE HEAD OF THE SOCIAL AFFAIRS SERVICES UNIT, HAJAH ZALIHA, WILL

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LIKELY HEAD THE DELEGATION. EMBASSY POINT OF CONTACT IS GEORGIA T. WRIGHT, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, TEL: 673-2-229670 EXT 120; FAX: 673-2-225293.

4. DESPITE THE LACK OF A SPECIFIC GOB POLICY ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS, BRUNEI WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND IN NGOS BELIEVE THAT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE DURING THE LAST DECADE. A DRAFTING COMMITTEE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN WAS FORMED AFTER THE 4TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN WHOSE TERMS OF REFERENCE WERE TO:

--ESTABLISH A NATIONAL COMMISSION ON WOMEN - THIS IS WAITING FINAL APPROVAL

--ESTABLISH FOCAL POINTS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN IN ALL GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES, NGO'S AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

--STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL MACHINERY FOR WOMEN

--IMPROVE THE UNDER-REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN AT THE DECISION-MAKING LEVEL

--IMPROVE DATA COLLECTION ON WOMEN

--INTEGRATE GENDER ISSUES IN ALL NATIONAL POLICIES, PLANS AND PROGRAMS

--INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO DEFEND WOMEN'S RIGHTS, IN PARTICULAR THE OUTLAWING OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

--ADDRESS THE INCREASING NUMBER OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES

--IMPROVE WOMEN'S ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON WOMEN'S ISSUES

6. BRUNEI'S SELF-ASSESSMENT ON PROGRESS IN THE BEIJING PLATFORM'S 12 CRITICAL AREAS OF CONCERN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WOMEN AND POVERTY:

THE GOB HAS INTRODUCED A SUBSISTENCE WELFARE ASSISTANCE FOR WOMEN AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN. BOTH MEN AND WOMEN

RECEIVE OLD-AGE PENSIONS. WOMEN MAY NOW APPLY FOR GOVERNMENT HOUSING AND/OR LAND IN THEIR OWN NAMES.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF WOMEN:

WOMEN ARE GIVEN EQUAL ACCESS TO BOTH EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

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WOMEN AND HEALTH

BRUNEI HAS FREE PRE AND POST NATAL CARE FOR WOMEN AND ONLY A NOMINAL FEE FOR ALL OTHER HEALTH CARE.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

IN 1999, A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT WAS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE ROYAL BRUNEI POLICE FORCE. THE UNIT HAS FEMALE POLICE OFFICERS TO COUNSEL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS. THE UNIT LIAISES CLOSELY WITH THE SOCIAL AND WELFARE UNIT AT THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE YOUTH AND SPORTS, WHICH

HAS ALSO ESTABLISHED, SEVERAL YEARS AGO, A WOMEN'S SHELTER FOR WOMEN WHO HAVE LEFT THEIR HOMES BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC ABUSE. NOTE: EMBOFF WAS INFORMED THAT HUSBANDS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE VICTIMS WHO ARE GOVERNMENT OFFICERS MAY BE COMPELLED TO ATTEND COUNSELLING IF THEY DO NOT ATTEND VOLUNTARILY.

LEGISLATION TO PROMOTE WOMEN'S RIGHTS

THE GOB HAS SIGNED THE CONVENTION ON RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (CRC), AND IS PRESENTLY STUDYING THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW).

A NEW ISLAMIC FAMILY LAW, WHICH WILL ADDRESS MUSLIM MARRIAGES AND DIVORCE IS CURRENTLY WAITING OFFICIAL APPROVAL. (NOTE: EMBOFF WAS INFORMED THAT NEW LAW WILL SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE MUSLIM WOMEN'S RIGHTS TO EQUITABLE PARTICIPATION IN MARRIAGE, AND ENABLE THEM TO OBTAIN FAIR COMPENSATION AND SUPPORT IN DIVORCE.) EARLIER IN 1999, WIDE RANGING LAWS WERE INTRODUCED TO IMPROVE NON-MUSLIM WOMENS RIGHTS IN MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

WOMEN IN ARMED CONFLICT

THE ISSUE OF ARMED CONFLICT DOES NOT APPLY TO BRUNEI, HOWEVER, WOMEN SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES IN A VARIETY OF ROLES. THERE IS NO CONSCRIPTION OF EITHER MEN OR WOMEN.

WOMEN AND THE ECONOMY

THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF WOMEN-RUN BUSINESSES AND WOMEN HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT AND BANK LOANS TO ESTABLISH BUSINESSES.

WOMEN IN POWER AND DECISION MAKING

BRUNEI HAS A WOMAN AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE WITH THE RANK OF MINISTER, AN AMBASSADOR, AND TWO FEMALE PERMANENT

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SECRETARIES. EMBASSY NOTE: THERE ARE STILL NO FEMALE CABINET MINISTERS, BUT IN 1999, A FEMALE HIGH COURT JUSTICE, A FEMALE SOLICITOR GENERAL AND TWO FEMALE SENIOR COUNSELS WERE APPOINTED.

INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

AT PRESENT, ALL WOMEN'S ISSUES ARE ADDRESSED BY THE SOCIAL AFFAIRS SERVICES UNIT UNDER THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE YOUTH AND SPORTS. EMBASSY NOTE: SHOULD A NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN BE APPROVED, IT WOULD TAKE ON MUCH OF THE POLICY AND RESEARCH WORKLOAD WHICH THE SOCIAL AFFAIRS SERVICES UNIT CURRENTLY CARRIES.

WOMEN AND THE MEDIA

ONE OF BRUNEI'S DAILY NEWSPAPERS IS OWNED BY A FEMALE MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY. THE SOCIAL AFFAIRS SERVICES UNIT NOW HAS A COLUMN IN THE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER TO HIGHLIGHT WOMEN'S ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY. A WEEKLY TELEVISION SERIES ALSO HIGHLIGHTS THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF LOCAL WOMEN.

WOMEN AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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REFS: A) STATE 155105, B) ROME 5481

1. AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED (REF B), THE 1998 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT DESCRIBED AN OVERALL SITUATION OF WOMEN IN ITALY AT THE END OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY DIFFERING LITTLE FROM THAT OF MEN:

"WOMEN ENJOY LEGAL EQUALITY WITH MEN IN MARRIAGE, PROPERTY, AND INHERITANCE RIGHTS. MALES AND FEMALES ENJOY EQUAL ACCESS AND TREATMENT WITH REGARD TO EDUCATION, HEALTH AND OTHER GOVERNMENT SERVICES. MANY NGO'S ACTIVELY AND EFFECTIVELY PROMOTE WOMEN'S RIGHTS. MOST ARE AFFILIATED WITH LABOR UNIONS OR POLITICAL PARTIES.

"A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES WORK TO ENSURE WOMEN'S RIGHTS. THE MINISTRY OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IS HEADED BY A WOMAN." (NOTE: SIX OF THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT'S 25 MINISTERS ARE WOMEN.)

2. THAT SAID, IT MUST BE NOTED THAT FEMALE UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO RUN HIGHER THAN FOR MEN, AND WOMEN TEND TO BE PAID LESS - "ACCORDING TO RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY THE (GENERAL ITALIAN CONFEDERATION OF LABOR'S) LABOR INSTITUTE, WOMEN'S SALARIES ARE 20 PERCENT LOWER THAN MEN'S FOR COMPARABLE WORK." IT ALSO SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CLANDESTINE

IMMIGRANTS IN ITALY, WHO FEAR EXPULSION, ARE VULNERABLE TO EXPLOITATION - AND FEMALE CLANDESTINE IMMIGRANTS ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO BEING EXPLOITED SEXUALLY.

3. GIVEN THIS CONTEXT, THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW SHOULD BE VIEWED AS PRINCIPALLY BENEFITING WOMEN "INDIRECTLY," I.E., GRANTEES WERE SELECTED IN MOST CASES FOR THEIR EXPERTISE AND PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, NOT BECAUSE OF THEIR GENDER. LABOR-RELATED PROGRAMS, HOWEVER, INCLUDED SESSIONS ON WOMEN'S ISSUES AND, IN 1995, CARLA SEPE (THEN PRINCIPAL ADVISOR ON WOMEN'S ISSUES AND SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION IN THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ROME) WAS AWARDED A GRANT FOCUSED SPECIFICALLY ON WOMEN'S ISSUES.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, POST HAS NOMINATED DR. ISABELLA MENICHINI (OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS) FOR A GROUP PROJECT FOCUSED ON TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

IV GRANTS AWARDED WOMEN IN THE LAST FIVE (FISCAL) YEARS:

-- 1995	10	PROGRAMS; 4 ON WOMEN'S ISSUES;
-- 1996	5	; 1
-- 1997	11	; 3
-- 1998	5	; 2
-- 1999	7	; 3

THIS WORKS OUT TO AN AVERAGE OF 7 TO 8 WOMEN PER YEAR, OUT OF AN AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL OF 36 GRANTEES.

4. OTHER PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON WOMEN'S ISSUES:

FY 1999

-- 10/4-19/1998 TELEFONO ROSA (NGO THAT ASSISTS ABUSED WOMEN) VOLVIS. PROGRAM ON U.S. RESPONSES TO VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY; ANOREXIA AND BULIMIA AS POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLENCE.

-- 11/9-10/98 WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT - 15 WOMEN LEGISLATORS FROM U.S. STATES. USIS PROGRAM IN ROME WHICH INCLUDED BRIEFINGS BY EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND MEETINGS WITH MINISTER OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LAURA BALBO, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT'S COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, AND MINISTER OF SOCIAL SOLIDARITY LIVIA TURCO.

-- 4/20/99 U.S. SPEAKER LOU DE BACA, CRIMINAL SECTION, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, DOJ. LECTURE AT A CONFERENCE ON "TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN" IN MILAN; CONFERENCE CO-SPONSORED BY THE MILAN CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MAGISTRATES (ANM), IN COLLABORATION WITH USIS; ALSO MET WITH MAGISTRATES AND CITY OFFICIALS.

-- 6/19/99 VITAL VOICES MEETING IN PALERMO WITH FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON, DURING CIVITAS CONFERENCE.

FY 1998

-- 6/17-19/98 U.S. SPEAKER VIVIAN W. PINN, M.D.,

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S HEALTH AND
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S HEALTH, NIH.
MEETINGS ON WOMEN'S HEALTH IN ROME WITH REPRESENTATIVES
FROM ITALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT (AIOOS)
AND NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, PRESIDENCY
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.
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FY 1996

-- 6/14/96 U.S. SPEAKER ELIZABETH OE FEIS. USIS
ROME PROGRAM ON WOMEN'S ISSUES.

-- 10/7-21/95 TELEFONO ROSA VOLVIS. PROGRAM ON "THE
NATURE OF THE PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S.
COMMUNITIES' RESPONSES, AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO
VICTIMS;" VISIT HELPED TELEFONO ROSA LOBBY FOR LEGISLATION
WHICH, PASSED IN 1996, RADICALLY CHANGED ITALIAN LAW
DEALING WITH VIOLENCE, MAKING RAPE A CRIME OF AGGRAVATEO
ASSAULT AGAINST THE INDIVIOUAL INSTEAO OF A CRIME AGAINST
"PUBLIC MORALITY."

FY 1995

AS A LEAO-IN TO THE UN FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN
BEIJING, USIS ROME HELD THREE WOMEN'S ISSUE PROGRAMS:

-- 1/31/95 USIS ROME WORLDNET ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN
IN AMERICAN POLITICS. U.S. SPEAKERS WERE ELLEN MALCOM,
PRESIOENT, EMILY'S LIST; SALLY MCNULTY, PRESIDENT,
DEMOCRATS ABROAD; AND FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR LAWRENCE LONGLEY,
JOHN MARSHALL PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF
BUDAPEST.

-- 4/11/95 USIS ROME WORLDNET/DISCUSSION ON "THE
PORTRAYAL OF WOMEN IN THE MASS MEDIA." U.S. SPEAKERS WERE
PAT REILLY, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, NATIONAL WOMEN'S
POLITICAL CAUCUS (NWPC); PEGGY SIMPSON, POLITICAL ANALYST
AND JOURNALIST, AND MARY LOU WYLIE, PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY,
JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY.

-- 6/27/95 USIS ROME CONFERENCE ON "VIRTUAL
EOUALITY: THE VISIBILITY OF WOMEN IN INSTITUTIONS AND IN
THE MEDIA - ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES, TWO EXPERIENCES TO
CONSIDER." U.S. SPEAKERS WERE KAREN PAGET, POLITICAL
SCIENTIST AND PEGGY SIMPSON, JOURNALIST AND POLITICAL
COMMENTATOR; EVENT CO-SPONSORED BY USIS AND THE WOMEN'S
PROJECT OF THE ROME MAYOR'S OFFICE.

5. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF A JANUARY 1998 SECSTATE ACTION
CABLE (36404), THE LABOR OFFICE COLLABORATED WITH CONSULAR

OFFICIALS TO RESEARCH AND CONDUCT INTERVIEWS LEADING TO THE DRAFTING OF 98 ROME 00395 ON TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN. A FURTHER ROME CABLE (98 ROME 4799) REPORTED ON A ROME CONSULAR MEETING ON ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING.

6. EMBASSY POINT OF CONTACT FOR FUTURE COMMUNICATION AND ACTION REQUESTS ON "WOMEN 2000: BEIJING&5 IS HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER JAMES EHRMAN. PHONE: (39)(06) 4674-2327; FAX: (39)(06) 4674-2623.

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOALS OF 1995 BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, EMBASSY TEL AVIV HAS BEEN PURSUING A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES BENEFITTING WOMEN IN ISRAEL. POST HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN DRAWING THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL'S ATTENTION TO THE GROWING PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE FORMER SOVIET UNION. WITH THE NUMBER OF WOMEN FORCED INTO PROSTITUTION IN ISRAEL NUMBERING OVER ONE THOUSAND ANNUALLY, THE AMBASSADOR AND OTHER SENIOR STAFF HAVE VOICED USG CONCERNS AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT.

2. IN FEBRUARY 1998, SECRETARY ALBRIGHT RAISED HER CONCERNS ABOUT THE ILLICIT TRADE IN WOMEN WITH THEN PRIME MINISTER BINYAMIN NETANYAHU. THE FOLLOWING MONTH, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MARK RICHARD ALSO RAISED THE ISSUE WITH ISRAELI ATTORNEY GENERAL ELI RUBENSTEIN. FOLLOWING THESE MEETINGS, THE AMBASSADOR CONTINUED TO OFFER USG SUPPORT TO THE GOI TO COMBAT THIS CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. IN A MAY 1998 SPEECH TO THE ISRAEL-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHICH ALSO FEATURED PM NETANYAHU AS A SPEAKER, THE AMBASSADOR HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED FOR A JOINT U.S.-ISRAELI EFFORT TO "STAMP OUT THIS MODERN DAY SLAVERY." TO FOLLOW-UP THESE REMARKS, THE AMBASSADOR SENT A LETTER TO PM NETANYAHU REITERATING THE USG'S COMMITMENT TO HELP THE GOI COMBAT THE TRAFFICKING

OF WOMEN AND OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES LINKED TO GLOBAL ORGANIZED CRIME.

3. IN JUNE OF 1998, THE AMBASSADOR MET WITH FORMER MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE (NOW INTERIOR MINISTER) NATAN SHARANSKY AND PRESENTED THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTION PLAN FOR USG-GOI COOPERATION IN FIGHTING THE ILLICIT TRADE OF WOMEN AND GIRLS. THE ACTION PLAN FOCUSED ON THREE GENERAL AREAS OF BILATERAL COOPERATION INCLUDING PREVENTION, VICTIM ASSISTANCE, AND ENFORCEMENT, AND PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT U.S.-ISRAEL WORKING GROUP TO ADVISE BOTH GOVERNMENTS IN THESE THREE AREAS.

4. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO RAISED THE ISSUE IN SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY, MINISTER OF JUSTICE, AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THE PREVIOUS NETANYAHU ADMINISTRATION AND IN THE NEWLY APPOINTED CABINET OF PM BARAK. FOCUSING ON THE "PREVENTION" ASPECT OF THE ACTION PLAN, THE AMBASSADOR ALSO DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH THE RUSSIAN AND UKRAINIAN AMBASSADORS TO ISRAEL, SINCE THE MAJORITY OF THE WOMEN VICTIMS ARE CITIZENS OF THESE COUNTRIES AND OTHER FORMER MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET UNION. POST'S CONSULAR SECTION HAS FOLLOWED UP THESE DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNTERPARTS IN THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY TO ENCOURAGE MORE AWARENESS OF THE PLIGHT OF THESE WOMEN. THE AMBASSADOR FURTHER HIGHLIGHTED THIS ISSUE IN AN AUGUST 1998 RADIO INTERVIEW FOR WESTINGHOUSE-CBS-FOX BROADCASTING.

5. IN ADDITION TO THE AMBASSADOR'S HIGH PROFILE ACTIVITIES, AN EMBASSY WORKING GROUP WAS FORMED IN MARCH OF 1998 TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN IN ISRAEL. THE WORKING GROUP INCLUDES THE CONSUL GENERAL, LEGAL ATTACHE, POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND FRONT OFFICE STAFF AIDE. THE GROUP'S OBJECTIVE IS TO EXPLORE AND PROMOTE SPECIFIC STEPS TO GET TO THE ROOT OF THE TRAFFICKING PROBLEM, WHICH IS ORGANIZED CRIME. THROUGHOUT 1998 AND 1999, THE CONSUL GENERAL MET WITH THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, VARIOUS OFFICIALS OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, REPRESENTATIVES OF RELEVANT NGO'S AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KNESSET COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN. ON THE BASIS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTION PLAN, THE CG ALSO PROVIDED THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE WITH U.S.-PREPARED PROTOTYPE LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS THE TRAFFICKING MENACE.

6. IN ADDITION TO THESE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE TRAFFICKING ISSUE, USIS TEL AVIV INVITED DR. JANICE RAYMOND, CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COALITION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN, TO BE THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT A CONFERENCE ON "THE STATUS OF WOMEN ON THE EVE OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY," IN MAY 1999.

7. USIS TEL AVIV HAS ADDITIONALLY SUPPORTED THE OBJECTIVES OF THE BEIJING CONFERENCE THROUGH ITS SPEAKER PROGRAMS, EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS, AND FULBRIGHT GRANTS RELATED TO WOMEN'S ISSUES. PAST HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. USIS TEL AVIV HOSTED KAY MAXWELL, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IN JULY 1999. MS. MAXWELL LEAD A WORKSHOP FOR NGO LEADERS ON NGO MANAGEMENT AND FUNDRAISING AND MET WITH LEADING ISRAELI WOMEN ACTIVISTS AND INTELLECTUALS TO EXPLAIN UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 TEL AVIV 013370

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THE LEAGUE'S ACTIVITIES. MS. MAXWELL ALSO REVIEWED FUNDRAISING STRATEGIES FOR ARAB WOMEN ACTIVISTS IN A PROGRAM THAT WAS SIMULTANEOUSLY TRANSLATED INTO ARABIC. TO AN AUDIENCE OF ELECTED WOMEN OFFICIALS, MS. MAXWELL SPOKE ABOUT STRATEGIES TO GET MORE WOMEN ELECTED TO PUBLIC OFFICE, ESPECIALLY AT THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL.

B. DR. KATHY FERGUSON, THE CHAIR OF THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA, WAS SELECTED TO COME TO ISRAEL AS A SENIOR FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER OF 1999. DR. FERGUSON SPECIALIZES IN WOMEN, POLITICS AND FEMINIST THEORY, AND TAUGHT COURSES IN THESE SUBJECT AT BEN GURION UNIVERSITY. DURING HER STAY, DR. FERGUSON ADDRESSED MANY DIFFERNT WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS ON THE ISSUE OF WOMEN IN POLITICS.

C. IN DECEMBER 1998, SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DONNA SHALALA ATTENDED A CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM ON "PROMOTING WOMEN'S HEALTH ACROSS GENERATIONS." THIS CONFERENCE WAS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE ISRAELI MINISTRY OF HEALTH. USIS TEL AVIV ALSO HOSTED A LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF SECRETARY SHALALA WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY LEADING ISRAELI AND PALESTINIA WOMEN ACTIVISTS.

D. IN MAY 1998, USIS TL AVIV ORGANIZED AND HOSTED A SEMINAR FOR WOMEN CTIVISTS ON INTERNET RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON WOME'S ISSUES. MORE THAN FORTY PARTICPANTS ATTENDED TO LEARN HOW TO USE THE INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY TO THEIR ADVANTAGE.

E. USIS TEL AVIV IS ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF PROGRAMMING A SPEAKER FOR AN UPCOMING CONFERENCE ON "WOMEN AND SOCIETY IN THE MIDDLE EAST" AT THE EMEK ISRAEL COLLEGE. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE DEDICATED TO EXAMINING WOMEN'S STUDIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MIDDLE EAST, AND WILL DEAL WITH WOMEN AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN A MIDDLE EASTERN CONTEXT.

8. PER REFTEL(A) ACTION REQUEST, POST WILL MEET WITH AND

REPORT ON HOST GOVERNMENT AND NGO GOALS AND PREPARATIONS
FOR THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. EMBASSY POINT OF CONTACT
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1. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST.

2. PER REF E-MAIL, FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ISSUES TO PURSUE WITH THE ECLAC SECRETARIAT: A) REGIONAL PREPCOM FOR BEIJING PLUS 5 B) ECLAC'S ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM EFFORTS C) ECLAC'S ROLE IN THE FTAA PROCESS.

3. BEIJING PLUS 5: BACKGROUND ON BEIJING PLUS 5 (5 YEAR REVIEW OF THE 1995 FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING) IS CONTAINED IN REFTEL. THE BEIJING PLUS 5 PROCESS INCLUDES REGIONAL PREPARATORY EVENTS (PREPCOMS) AND CULMINATES IN A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK JUNE 5-JUNE 9, 2000. ECLAC IS IN CHARGE OF ORGANIZING THE REGIONAL PREPCOM FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN LIMA, PERU IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2000.

4. TALKING POINTS ON THE BEIJING PLUS 5 PREPCOM:

-- DEPARTMENT FULLY SUPPORTS THE CONVENING OF AN ECLAC REGIONAL PREPCOM FOR THE FIVE YEAR REVIEW OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN.

-- THE USG BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN PREPCOM SHOULD FOCUS ON A FEW ISSUES THAT ARE OF GREATEST CONCERN TO WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN RATHER THAN ATTEMPTING TO COVER ALL ISSUES. POSSIBLE ISSUES INCLUDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY AND/OR WOMEN'S POLITICAL PARTICIPATION. WHAT IS ECLAC PLANNING AS THE THEMATIC FOCUS OF THE LIMA PREPCOM?

-- THE USG ALSO STRONGLY ENCOURAGES ECLAC TO ENSURE WIDE NGO (CIVIL SOCIETY) PARTICIPATION IN THE PREPCOM. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL, NGO'S COULD BE ASKED TO SERVE ON PANELS, PRESENT EXPERT PAPERS OR PRESENT THEIR VIEWS IN OTHER WAYS. WHAT IS ECLAC DOING TO FACILITATE NGO PARTICIPATION AT THE PREPCOM?

-- WHAT LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IS ECLAC PLANNING FOR THE LIMA PREPCOM? HIGH-LEVEL MINISTERIAL OR WORKING LEVEL DELEGATIONS?

-- HAS ECLAC DECIDED ON THE DATES OF THE PREPCOM YET? THE OTHER FOUR REGIONAL COMMISSIONS HAVE ALL ALREADY SET DATES FROM OCTOBER 1999 UP TO JANUARY 2000.

-- WHAT OUTCOME DOES ECLAC PLAN FOR THE PREPCOM? WILL THE PREPCOM ADOPT AN AGREED-UPON DOCUMENT?

5. TALKING POINTS ON ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM AT ECLAC:

-- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OCAMPO INDICATED THAT THE DEVOLUTION OF AUTHORITY FROM UN HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK TO ECLAC SANTIAGO UNDER THE MANAGEMENT PILOT SCHEME HAS BEEN MINIMAL. DOES ECLAC STILL BELIEVE THAT INCREASING MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN SANTIAGO IS IMPORTANT? IF SO, WHAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO MOVE ECLAC IN THIS DIRECTION?

-- IN THE JANUARY 1999 MEETING BETWEEN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OCAMPO AND AMBASSADOR O'LEARY, OCAMPO FLAGGED POOR COORDINATION BETWEEN UN ENTITIES AS AN AREA THAT REQUIRED ATTENTION. SINCE THAT MEETING HAS COORDINATION AMONG UN ENTITIES IMPROVED AS A RESULT OF ECLAC'S EFFORTS? IF SO, WHAT DID ECLAC DO TO ACHIEVE THIS IMPROVEMENT?

-- ALSO IN THE JANUARY MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR O'LEARY, OCAMPO HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED FOR ECLAC TO DO A BETTER JOB OF MARKETING ITS PUBLICATIONS AND ENSURING THAT THEY ARE READ AND ABSORBED BY KEY REGIONAL DECISION MAKERS. SINCE THE JANUARY MEETING, HAS ECLAC MADE CHANGES IN THE FORMAT AND IN THE MARKETING OF ITS FLAGSHIP PUBLICATIONS TO INCREASE THEIR IMPACT? HOW DOES ECLAC EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF ITS PUBLICATIONS? HAS ECLAC ELIMINATED ANY PUBLICATIONS OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS AFTER OBSERVING THAT THE MARKET FOR THOSE PUBLICATIONS WAS DECLINING OR HAD DISAPPEARED?

-- WHAT WERE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OCAMPO'S REFORM GOALS FOR THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP MEETING IN NEW YORK IN JULY 1999? WERE THOSE GOALS ACHIEVED?

6. TALKING POINTS ON THE ROLE OF ECLAC IN THE FTAA PROCESS:

-- WHAT UNIQUE CAPABILITIES DOES ECLAC CONTRIBUTE TO THE FTAA PROCESS AS DISTINCT FROM THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE OAS AND THE IADB?

-- HOW DOES ECLAC SEE ITS ROLE IN FTAA UNFOLDING AND PERHAPS CHANGING OVER THE LIFE OF THE FTAA PROCESS?

7. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY SANTIAGO'S COLLABORATIVE
WORK IN STRENGTHENING THE USG RELATIONSHIP WITH ECLAC. PLEASE
SLUG CABLE REPORTS FOR PAUL DEGLER AND SHARON KOTOK BOTH IN
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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR
ACTION:

OUR OVERALL REACTION TO THE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE VARIOUS
GROUPS IS AS FOLLOWS. WE SUPPORT ALL THE PROPOSALS MADE BY
JUSCANZ (THEY INCLUDE U.S. INPUT), SOME OF THE PROPOSALS
MADE BY THE EU, AND A FEW OF THE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE G-
77. MANY OF THE G-77 PROPOSALS ARE UNHELPFUL.

PP1: WE PREFER TO KEEP THE ORIGINAL PP1 RATHER THAN THE G-
77 ALTERNATIVE. FOR ONE THING, THE G-77 ALTERNATIVE
DELETES THE REFERENCE TO RESOLUTION 50/42, THE UNGA
RESOLUTION THAT ADOPTED THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND
PLATFORM FOR ACTION.

PP2: OK

PP3: THE G-77 WANTS TO DELETE PP3. HOWEVER, THIS IS A
GOOD PARAGRAPH ON THE NEED FOR STRONG, SUSTAINED POLITICAL
WILL, AND WE SHOULD INSIST ON KEEPING IT, WITH THE JUSCANZ
ADDITION OF "SUSTAINED POLITICAL WILL AND COMMITMENT."

PP4: IT APPEARS THAT THE G77 PROPOSED TEXT IS ALMOST
IDENTICAL TO THE ORIGINAL TEXT. EITHER IS FINE.

PP5: WE SUPPORT KEEPING THIS PARAGRAPH BECAUSE IT ADDRESSES ACTIONS BY STATES, THE UN SYSTEM, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE EU WANTS TO DELETE IT.

PP6: WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE ORIGINAL PP6 RATHER THAN THE G-77 ALTERNATIVE. THE G-77 WANTS TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO NGOS AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS.

PP7: THE G-77 WANTS TO MOVE PP7 TO BECOME OP1 BIS. EITHER PLACEMENT IS ACCEPTABLE.

PP8: BOTH THE G-77 AND THE EU WANT TO DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH ON THE ECOSOC AGREED CONCLUSIONS. IT IS NOT AN ESSENTIAL PARAGRAPH FOR THIS RESOLUTION ON BEIJING&5, SO THE DELETION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NEW OP1: THE G-77 WANTS TO COMMEND THE WORK OF THE CSW ACTING AS THE PREPCOM. THIS IS PROBABLY AN UNNECESSARY ADDITION, BUT IT IS ACCEPTABLE.

OP2: OK

OP3: WE SUPPORT THE EU PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO OP3.

OP4: WE STRONGLY SUPPORT KEEPING THIS PARAGRAPH ON GENDER MAINSTREAMING AND SUPPORT THE EU ADDITION "TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE AND ACCELERATED IMPLEMENTATION. (THE G-77 WANTS TO DELETE IT.)

OP5: WE SUPPORT THE ORIGINAL OP5 RATHER THAN THE G-77 COUNTER-PROPOSAL. THE ORIGINAL TEXT MENTIONS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN 103 RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE (THE U.S. RESPONDED IN JULY) AND REITERATES ITS INVITATION FOR GOVERNMENTS TO PREPARE NATIONAL EVALUATIONS. THE G-77 TEXT IS MUCH WEAKER.

OP6: OK

OP7, OP8, AND OP8 BIS: WE AGREE WITH THE EU THAT OP7 AND OP8 ARE NOT NECESSARY. HOWEVER, IF WE KEEP OP7 AND OP8, THEN WE MUST INSIST ON OP8 BIS. OP7 AND OP8 REFER TO THE NEED FOR THE MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION. OP8 BIS STATES THAT SOME POLICY CHANGES MAY NOT HAVE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

OP9: OP9 CONCERNS GENDER-DISAGGREGATED DATA. WE SUPPORT THE EU PROPOSAL TO STRENGTHEN THE PARAGRAPH, BUT THE ORIGINAL OP9 IS ACCEPTABLE AS WELL.

OP10: WE MUST INSIST ON THE JUSCANZ PROPOSAL, WHICH IS IDENTICAL TO 1999 CSW/ECOSOC LANGUAGE. THE ORIGINAL OP10 IS WEAKER.

OP11: OK

OP12 AND OP12 BIS: WE SUPPORT THE G-77 PROPOSAL TO DELETE "INCLUDING PARTICIPANTS FROM NATIONAL MACHINERIES"; ALONG

WITH THE JUSCANZ PROPOSED OP12 BIS WHICH ENCOURAGES STATES TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM NATIONAL MACHINERIES ON THEIR DELEGATIONS. THE REASON FOR THESE CHANGES IS THAT NATIONAL MACHINERIES ARE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE ONLY WAY THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE SPECIAL SESSION IS IF GOVERNMENTS INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS ON THEIR OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS. THEY SHOULD NOT BE INVITED SEPARATELY.

OP13: OK

OP13 BIS: WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS JUSCANZ PROPOSAL WHICH ENCOURAGES STATES TO INCLUDE NGOS ON THEIR DELEGATIONS.

OP14: OK

OP15: THE G-77 WANTS TO DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH. ALTHOUGH THE PARAGRAPH IS FINE, WE COULD ACCEPT ITS DELETION BECAUSE IT DOES NOT REALLY FIT IN THIS PARTICULAR RESOLUTION ON BEIJING&5.

OP16: EITHER THE ORIGINAL OR THE G-77 PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE.

OP17: OK
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SUBJECT: THIRD COMMITTEE: INFORMALS ON BEIJING PLUS FIVE

1. THIS IS THIRD COMMITTEE CABLE NUMBER 7.

2. ON OCTOBER 27, INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION ON THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN WERE HELD. MANY PROPOSALS WERE MADE BUT NO DECISIONS WERE FINALIZED. A REVISED TEXT HAS BEEN FAXED TO IO/ESA. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON OF 10/29. HOLBROOKE

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REF: WAGONER/RABBY TELCON AND E-MAIL OF 11/01/99

GIRL CHILD

1. USDEL SHOULD JOIN CONSENSUS, BUT NOT CO-SPONSOR THIS
RESOLUTION. WE CANNOT SUPPORT LANGUAGE IN OP. 1 WHICH CALLS
FOR THE FULL AND URGENT IMPLEMENTATION TO INSTRUMENTS WE ARE
NOT A PARTY E.G., THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
AND THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN.

FOLLOW-UP TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

2. THE LANGUAGE AS IT STANDS IN PP. 9 IS FINE. USDEL SHOULD
JOIN CONSENSUS.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

3. USDEL SHOULD JOIN CONSENSUS, BUT NOT CO-SPONSOR.
TALBOTT

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REF: A. A) STATE 224473
B. B) STATE 224299

1. THIS IS AN ACTION CABLE. PLE_?p6 DECEMBER
3, SO THAT WE CAN FORWARD THE DECLARATION TO THE COMMISSION
ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN FOR ADOPTION BY CONSENSUS.

3. THE THREE AREAS OF INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES THAT
REMAIN IN BRACKETS CONCERN TARGETS FOR OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE; AN INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL ENABLING
ENVIRONMENT; AND LISTING THE ACTORS THAT WOULD PARTICIPATE IN
A REVIEW AND APPRAISAL IN THE YEAR 2005. A FOURTH AREA
"ENHANCED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION" MAY BE RESOLVED BY THE
G-77'S AGREEMENT TO ADD "FOR THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
PLATFORM FOR ACTION" SO THAT THE PHRASE READS "ENHANCED
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
PLATFORM FOR ACTION."

TARGETS (PARA 3)

4. REFTTEL (A) AUTHORIZED USDEL TO PURSUE AN AMENDED VERSION
OF THE HOLY SEE'S PROPOSAL FOR LANGUAGE ON TARGETS, WHICH
WOULD READ "INCLUDING THROUGH ENHANCED DEVELOPMENT
COOPERATION AND THE FULFILLMENT OF COMMITMENTS MADE TO
OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE."

5. IF THE HOLY SEE'S LANGUAGE WAS NOT ACCEPTED, USDEL WAS
AUTHORIZED TO PROPOSE "INCLUDING STRIVING FORxy=!
(1) "INCLUDING THROUGH ENHANCED DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND
BY STRIVING TO ACHIEVE THE FULFILLMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
TARGETS, WHERE AGREED, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" AND (2)

"INCLUDING BY STRIVING TO ACHIEVE THE INTERNATIONALLY AGREED TARGET FOR OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

7. THE G-77, COUNTERED BY SAYING IF THEIR FIRST PROPOSAL WAS NOT ACCEPTED, THEY WANTED TO QUOTE VERBATIM FROM PARA 353 OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION: "INCLUDING STRIVING FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF THE AGREED TARGET OF 0.7 PER CENT OF THE GNP OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR OVERALL OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AS WELL AS INCREASING THE SHARE OF FUNDING FOR ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION."

8. THE UNITED STATES IS STILL ON RECORD AS SUPPORTING THE HOLY SEE PROPOSAL. THE U.S. DID NOT MAKE A COUNTER-PROPOSAL PRIMARILY BECAUSE THE LANGUAGE WE WERE AUTHORIZED TO INTRODUCE MIRRORED AUSTRALIA'S.

9. THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR THE HOLY SEE'S LANGUAGE. (IF AUSTRALIA'S LANGUAGE IS ACCEPTED, WE WILL MAKE THE STATEMENT CONTAINED IN REFTEL (A).) WE WILL INSIST THAT PARA 353 OF THE BEIJING PFA NOT/NOT BE QUOTED IN THE DECLARATION, ARGUING THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR A SEVEN PARAGRAPH DECLARATION TO CONTAIN A FULL PARAGRAPH ON ODA TARGETS.

ENABLING ENVIRONMENT (PARA 6)

10. FOLLOWING A CONVERSATION BETWEEN USDEL AND IO/ESA, USDEL OFFERED TO DROP "SUPPORTIVE" BEFORE "NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ENABLING ENVIRONMENT," BUT SAID WE WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE "FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN" FOLLOWING THE WORD "ENVIRONMENT" SO THAT THE PHRASE WOULD READ "NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN."

11. THE G-77 SAID THEY WERE COMING AROUND TO THE WORD "SUPPORTIVE" AND WOULD LIKE THE PHRASE TO READ "A SUPPORTIVE NATIONAL AND AN ENABLING INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT."

12. THE U.S. REPLIED THAT, IF WE WERE BACK TO THE WORD "SUPPORTIVE," WE WOULD LIKE TO REVERSE THE MODIFIERS SO THAT THE PHRASE WOULD READ "A SUPPORTIVE INTERNATIONAL AND AN ENABLING NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT."

13. THE EU AND CANADA SAID THEY DID NOT WANT TO SEE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN "NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL" ENABLING ENVIRONMENT.

14. USDEL HAS SINCE LEARNED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS AGREED TO THE TERM "ENABLING INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT" IN SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING IN THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS ADOPTED AT THE HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT OF ECOSOC IN 1997, AND IN RESOLUTION 53/172. THE 1997 ECOSOC AGREED CONCLUSIONS CONTAIN (IN PART A) A VERY DETAILED DEFINITION OF "ENABLING INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT," WHICH INCLUDES "THE CREATION AND UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 USUN NEW YORK 003038

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MAINTENANCE OF STABLE INTERNATIONAL CONDITIONS;
DEMOCRATIZATION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE CHARTER OF THE UN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW; ESTABLISHMENT OF
AN OPEN, RULE-BASED, EQUITABLE, SECURE, NON-DISCRIMINATORY,
TRANSPARENT AND PREDICTABLE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM; AND
SUPPORT FOR THE WEAKEST AND MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THROUGH MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT IN
TRADE AND FINANCE." (FULL DEFINITION IS CONTAINED IN
A/52/3/REV.1.)

15. USDEL SEEKS AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT "NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL ENABLING ENVIRONMENT."

ACTORS THAT SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE 2005 REVIEW AND
APPRAISAL (PARA 7)

16. THE USDEL HAS PROPOSED THE DELETION OF ALL THE ACTORS
THAT WOULD PARTICIPATE IN A REVIEW AND APPRAISAL IN THE YEAR
2005. AT FIRST, THE G-77 WAS AMBIVALENT. THE EU, HOWEVER,
REALLY WANTED TO LAY DOWN THE MARKER THAT NGOS SHOULD BE ABLE
TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT.

17. THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION HAD PROPOSED REPLACING THE LIST
OF ACTORS (GOVERNMENTS, THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AND REGIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, AND NGOS) WITH "ALL ACTORS INVOLVED." THE
G-77 SAID THEY NOW PREFER TO LIST ALL ACTORS. "ALL ACTORS
INVOLVED" THEY SAY IS TOO NEBULOUS.

18. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS, USDEL HAS TOLD THE EU AND
JUSCANZ THAT LISTING THE ACTORS COULD MAKE THE 2005 EVENT
LOOK LIKE A WORLD CONFERENCE. EVERYONE HAS SAID THEY DO NOT
A WORLD CONFERENCE. IN FACT ALL THE ACTORS LISTED IN PARA 7
WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON BEIJING 5 IN
JUNE 2000.

19. SINCE 1975, THE UN HAS CONDUCTED A "REVIEW AND
APPRAISAL" OF THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN EVERY FIVE YEARS, AT
THE:

- 1975 FIRST WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN MEXICO CITY;
- 1980 MID-DECADE CONFERENCE IN COPENHAGEN;
- 1985 END-OF-THE-DECADE CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI;
- 1990 AT AN EXTENDED SESSION OF THE UN COMMISSION ON THE
STATUS OF WOMEN;
- 1995 AT THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN;
- 2000 AT A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW
YORK.

20. USDEL OFFERED TO KEEP THE LISTING OF ACTORS IF WE COULD
ADD "AS A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA OR A SPECIAL SESSION OF
THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN." THIS OFFER DID NOT
MOVE THE DISCUSSIONS FORWARD. ALTHOUGH NO ONE SEEMS TO WANT

ANOTHER WORLD CONFERENCE, THEY DON'T WANT TO LIST UNGASS OR CSW EITHER.

21. USDEL REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE LIST OF ACTORS. WE COULD MAKE A STATEMENT FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION THAT WE HOPE THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AS AN UNGASS OR IN THE CSW, ALTHOUGH SUCH A STATEMENT MAY HIGHLIGHT AN ISSUE THAT WE DON'T WANT HIGHLIGHTED.

22. WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN IS A KEY U.S. GOAL. WE DEFINITELY WANT ALL THE ACTORS CURRENTLY LISTED IN PARA 7 TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN, WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, WE WANT TO AVOID A WORLD CONFERENCE. WE BELIEVE LISTING THE ACTORS IN PARA 7 PROVIDES FOR BOTH.

ENHANCED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (PARA 6)

23. THE U.S. HAD PROPOSED AMENDING THE PHRASE "ENHANCED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION" BY ADDING AT THE END "FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN."

24. AS NOTED IN PARA 3 ABOVE, THE G-77 HAS AGREED TO AMEND THE PHRASE SO THAT IT READS "ENHANCED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION." USDEL ASSUMES THIS IS ACCEPTABLE.

LANGUAGE THAT WE LIKE

25. OUR PAST COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT HAVE FOCUSED ON CHANGES WE HAVE WANTED TO MAKE IN THE DRAFT DECLARATION, BUT HAVE NOT HIGHLIGHTED WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED. TO PUT THE DECLARATION IN PERSPECTIVE, THE U.S., ALONG WITH OTHER JUSCANZ MEMBERS AND THE EU, WAS SUCCESSFUL IN ENSURING THAT THE DECLARATION REAFFIRMS GOVERNMENTS' COMMITMENT TO THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION, THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, MAINSTREAMING A GENDER PERSPECTIVE, AND FULL PARTICIPATION AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN. IT ALSO RECOGNIZES THE ROLE AND CONTRIBUTION OF CIVIL SOCIETY, IN PARTICULAR NGOS.

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26. THE DECLARATION IS SHORT, TO THE POINT, AND FOR THE MOST PART CONTAINS WHAT WE WOULD WANT TO SEE IN A DECLARATION.

ACTION REQUESTED

27. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO RESPOND TO USUN BY OOB THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, SO THAT WE CAN HAVE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH JUSCANZ, EU, AND G-77 PRIOR TO DECEMBER 3.

THANK YOU.

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1. THIS IS THIRD COMMITTEE CABLE NUMBER 17.

2. SUMMARY: ON NOVEMBER 18, THE THIRD COMMITTEE COMPLETED ACTION ON A TOTAL OF TEN WOMEN-RELATED RESOLUTIONS, EIGHT UNDER AGENDA ITEM 109, "ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN," AND TWO, UNDER AGENDA ITEM 110, "IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUTCOME OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN." THE U.S. COSPONSORED TWO OF THE TEN RESOLUTIONS, ON IMPROVEMENT OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE SECRETARIAT AND ON THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN, AND JOINED CONSENSUS ON THE REMAINING EIGHT. ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARIAT, NONE OF THE TEN RESOLUTIONS HAD ANY PROGRAM BUDGET IMPLICATIONS, AND NO RECORDED VOTES WERE REQUESTED ON ANY OF THEM. END SUMMARY.

3. THE UNGA THIRD COMMITTEE SPENT FOUR DAYS, FROM OCTOBER 11 TO 14, DEBATING AGENDA ITEM 109, "ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN," AND AGENDA ITEM 110, "IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUTCOME OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN." ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, AMBASSADOR LINDA TARR-WHELAN, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, PRESENTED A SINGLE STATEMENT COVERING BOTH AGENDA ITEMS, ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES. BETWEEN OCTOBER 21 AND NOVEMBER 18, THE COMMITTEE TOOK ACTION ON A TOTAL OF TEN RESOLUTIONS, EIGHT UNDER AGENDA ITEM 109, AND TWO, UNDER AGENDA ITEM 110. THE FINAL TEXTS OF THESE RESOLUTIONS WILL BE RELEASED BY THE SECRETARIAT AS PART OF THE OFFICIAL THIRD COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

A/C.3/54/L.13: TRADITIONAL OR CUSTOMARY PRACTICES AFFECTING
THE HEALTH OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

4. THIS RESOLUTION EMPHASIZES THE NEED FOR TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND NGO'S WORKING TO ELIMINATE FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION AND OTHER TRADITIONAL OR CUSTOMARY PRACTICES WHICH HARM THE HEALTH OF WOMEN AND GIRLS; CALLS UPON STATES TO RATIFY THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, AND ADOPT NATIONAL LEGISLATION PROHIBITING HARMFUL TRADITIONAL OR CUSTOMARY PRACTICES; URGES THE INCLUSION OF DISCUSSION OF THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS IN SCHOOL CURRICULA, AS WELL AS DISCUSSION OF HARMFUL TRADITIONAL OR CUSTOMARY PRACTICES IN THE TRAINING OF HEALTH PERSONNEL; STRESSES THE NEED FOR MEN TO UNDERSTAND THE HARM DONE BY TRADITIONAL OR CUSTOMARY PRACTICES AND THEIR OWN ROLE IN ELIMINATING THEM; AND CALLS ON RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL LEADERS TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVES TO HARMFUL TRADITIONAL OR CUSTOMARY PRACTICES, PARTICULARLY WHERE THOSE PRACTICES FORM PART OF A RITUAL CEREMONY OR RITE OF PASSAGE.

NO PBI: CONFIRMED BY THE SECRETARIAT.
SPONSOR: NETHERLANDS.
AWOV: OCTOBER 28, 1999.
US ACTION: DID NOT COSPONSOR; JOINED CONSENSUS.

A/C.3/54/L.14/REV.1: INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN. THIS RESOLUTION DESIGNATES NOVEMBER
25 AS INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN

5. NO PBI: CONFIRMED BY THE SECRETARIAT.
SPONSOR: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.
AWOV: NOVEMBER 3, 1999.
US ACTION: DID NOT COSPONSOR; JOINED CONSENSUS.

A/C.3/54/L.15: IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION OF WOMEN IN RURAL
AREAS

6. THIS RESOLUTION CALLS FOR GREATER EFFORTS TO MEET THE BASIC NEEDS OF RURAL WOMEN THROUGH THE PROVISION OF SAFE WATER AND BETTER HEALTH-CARE, NUTRITION AND EDUCATION; URGES IMPROVED ACCESS BY RURAL WOMEN TO SOURCES OF PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT, MICRO-CREDIT AND OTHER FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES; CALLS FOR THE POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT OF RURAL WOMEN; AND EMPHASIZES THE NEED FOR WOMEN'S UNPAID WORK AS WELL AS INCOME GENERATED IN THE INFORMAL SECTOR TO BE VISIBLE AND RECORDED IN ECONOMIC SURVEYS AND STATISTICS.

NO PBI CONFIRMED BY THE SECRETARIAT.
SPONSOR: MONGOLIA.
AWOV: OCTOBER 28, 1999.
US ACTION: DID NOT COSPONSOR; JOINED CONSENSUS.

A/C.3/54/L.16/REV.1: UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN

7. THIS RESOLUTION COMMENDS THE FUND FOR ITS LEADERSHIP
ROLE IN CONVENING UNITED NATIONS INTERAGENCY CAMPAIGNS TO END
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN,
AFRICA AND ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, AND THE GLOBAL VIDEO
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CONFERENCE "A WORLD FREE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN"; AND
RECOGNIZES THE FUND'S PROGRESS IN INCREASING THE SIZE AND
IMPACT OF ITS TRUST FUND IN SUPPORT OF ACTIONS TO ELIMINATE
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THE IMPORTANCE OF INCORPORATING A
LEARNING COMPONENT AIMED AT SHARING GOOD PRACTICES IN
ELIMINATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.

NO PBI: CONFIRMED BY THE SECRETARIAT.

SPONSOR: ROMANIA.

AWOV: OCTOBER 28, 1999.

US ACTION: COSPONSORED.

A/C.3/54/L.17/REV.1: CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL
FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

8. THIS RESOLUTION NOTES THAT 165 STATES HAVE SO FAR BECOME
PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION; URGES UNIVERSAL RATIFICATION OF
THE CONVENTION BY 2000 AND RAPID RATIFICATION OF ITS OPTIONAL
PROTOCOL; ENCOURAGES STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION TO
WITHDRAW OR MINIMIZE THE COVERAGE OF ANY RESERVATIONS THEY
MAY HAVE TO THE CONVENTION; AND CALLS ON STATES PARTIES TO
THE CONVENTION TO ACCELERATE THE SUBMISSION OF THEIR REPORTS
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION.

NO PBI: CONFIRMED BY THE SECRETARIAT.

SPONSOR: NORWAY.

AWOV: OCTOBER 28, 1999.

US ACTION: DID NOT COSPONSOR; JOINED CONSENSUS.

A/C.3/54/L.18/REV.1: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN MIGRANT WORKERS

9. THIS RESOLUTION URGES CONCERNED GOVERNMENTS, PARTICULARLY
THOSE OF COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN AND DESTINATION, TO COOPERATE
WITH THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS,
TO INFORM WOMEN MIGRANT WORKERS OF THEIR RIGHTS AND THE
BENEFITS TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED, TO ADOPT MEASURES
AGAINST INTERMEDIARIES WHO DELIBERATELY PROMOTE THE
CLANDESTINE MOVEMENT OF AND EXPLOIT WOMEN MIGRANT WORKERS,
AND TO DEVELOP, THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS STATISTICS

DIVISION AND THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN, INTERNATIONALLY COMPARABLE DATA ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN MIGRANT WORKERS; AND URGES THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN TO CONSIDER DEVELOPING A GENERAL RECOMMENDATION ON THE SITUATION OF WOMEN MIGRANT WORKERS.

NO PBI: CONFIRMED BY THE SECRETARIAT.
SPONSOR: PHILIPPINES.
AWOV: NOVEMBER 3, 1999.
US ACTION: DID NOT COSPONSOR; JOINED CONSENSUS.

A/C.3/54/L.19: IMPROVEMENT OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE SECRETARIAT

10. THIS RESOLUTION REAFFIRMS THE GOAL OF ACHIEVING 50-50 GENDER DISTRIBUTION IN ALL CATEGORIES OF POSTS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY AT THE D-1 LEVEL AND ABOVE; REGRETS THAT THIS GOAL WILL NOT BE MET AND URGES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INTENSIFY HIS EFFORTS TO PROGRESS TOWARD THE GOAL; ENCOURAGES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO APPOINT MORE WOMEN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES AND ENVOYS, ESPECIALLY IN MATTERS RELATED TO PEACE-KEEPING AND PEACE-BUILDING; URGES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO UNDERTAKE INNOVATIVE WOMEN-RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND MEMBER STATES TO NOMINATE QUALIFIED WOMEN FOR HIGH-LEVEL POSTS; AND REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO MAKE THE UNITED NATIONS BOTH A GENDER-SENSITIVE AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY WORKPLACE.

NO PBI: CONFIRMED BY THE SECRETARIAT.
SPONSOR: AUSTRALIA.
AWOV: OCTOBER 28, 1999.
US ACTION: COSPONSORED.

A/C.3/54/L.54: FOLLOW-UP TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION

11. THIS RESOLUTION REAFFIRMS THAT THE BEIJING-PLUS-FIVE SPECIAL SESSION WILL BE UNDERTAKEN ON THE BASIS OF, AND WITH FULL RESPECT FOR, THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION AND THAT THERE WILL BE NO RENEGOTIATION OF ITS CONTENTS; CALLS FOR THE ACCELERATION, INTER ALIA, A WIDESPREAD AND VISIBLE POLICY OF MAINSTREAMING A GENDER PERSPECTIVE; REAFFIRMS THAT, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION, A REFORMULATION OF POLICIES AND UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 USUN NEW YORK 003075

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REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES MAY BE NEEDED BUT THAT SOME POLICY CHANGES MAY NOT NECESSARILY HAVE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS; AND CALLS UPON MEMBER STATES TO ALLOCATE ADEQUATE RESOURCES FOR THE PROVISION OF DATA DISAGGREGATED BY SEX AND AGE, THEREBY FACILITATING GENDER-IMPACT ANALYSES, MEASUREMENTS OF PROGRESS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCCESSFUL NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES FOR THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION.

NO PBI: CONFIRMED BY THE SECRETARIAT.

SPONSOR: CHAIR'S TEXT.

AWOV: NOVEMBER 10, 1999.

US ACTION: NO COSPONSORS CALLED FOR; JOINED CONSENSUS.

A/C.3/54/L.55: PREPARATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENTITLED "WOMEN 2000': GENDER EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY."

12. RECOMMENDED BY ECOSOC IN 1999/50, THIS RESOLUTION INVITES GOVERNMENTS TO INCLUDE, IN THEIR NATIONAL ACTION PLANS AND REPORTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION, ACCOUNTS OF GOOD PRACTICES, POSITIVE ACTIONS, LESSONS LEARNED, USE OF QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE INDICATORS FOR MEASURING PROGRESS, KEY CHALLENGES REMAINING AND OBSTACLES ENCOUNTERED; DECIDES THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION SHALL HAVE A PLENARY AND AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE; REAFFIRMS THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION WILL BE UNDERTAKEN ON THE BASIS OF, AND WITH FULL RESPECT FOR, THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION AND THAT THERE WILL BE NO RENEGOTIATION OF ITS CONTENTS; ENCOURAGES THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO CONTINUE EXCHANGING VIEWS, ESPECIALLY WITH NGO'S, ON THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION, INCLUDING THROUGH THE USE OF ELECTRONIC NETWORKING; AND DECIDES THAT NGO'S IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH ECOSOC AND NGO'S THAT WERE ACCREDITED TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE SPECIAL SES.O, WITHOUT CREATING A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

NO PBI: CONFIRMED BY THE SECRETARIAT.

SPONSOR: ECOSOC.

AWOV: NOVEMBER 10, 1999.

US ACTION: NO COSPONSORS CALLED FOR; JOINED CONSENSUS.

A/C.3/54/L.89:- REVITALISATION AND STRENGTHENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN (INSTRAW)

13. THIS RESOLUTION NOTES THE INSTITUTE'S PROPOSED NEW ELECTRONIC GENDER AWARENESS INFORMATION AND NETWORKING SYSTEM (GAINS) FOR DISSEMINATING INFORMATION, CONDUCTING RESEARCH, CAPACITY BUILDING AND NETWORKING, PARTICULARLY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; WELCOMES THE INSTITUTE'S NEW STAFFING STRUCTURE COMPRISING A SMALL STAFF; REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE TO HAVE AN INDEPENDENT FEASIBILITY STUDY OF GAINS CARRIED OUT, INCLUDING AN EVALUATION OF ITS POTENTIAL BENEFITS AND THE WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FOR 2000-2001; REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO IMPLEMENT THE

MEASURES NECESSARY TO CORRECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE ANOMALIES
NOTED IN THE REPORT OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT; AND
EMPHASISES THE NEED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS
TRUST FUND FOR INSTRAW.

NO PBI: CONFIRMED BY THE SECRETARIAT
SPONSOR: GUYANA (ON BEHALF OF G77)
AWOV: NOVEMBER 18, 1999
U.S. ACTION: DID NOT COSPONSOR; JOINED CONSENSUS
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1. REFTEL REPORTS ON THE INTER-SESSIONALS CONVENED BY THE UNITED NATIONS TO NEGOTIATE THE BEIJING 5 DRAFT DECLARATION

(NOVEMBER 23, 24, AND 29). THIS CABLE REPORTS ON THE OTHER ITEMS UNDER DISCUSSION AT THE INTER-SESSIONALS: THE STRUCTURE OF THE OUTCOME OF BEIJING 5, AND MODALITIES FOR PARTICIPATION BY NGOS (NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 3).

STRUCTURE OF THE OUTCOME OF BEIJING 5

2. DISCUSSION ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE OUTCOME OF BEIJING 5 TOOK PLACE NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 2. BRIEFLY, THERE WILL BE AT LEAST THREE OUTCOMES: (1) A REPORT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL REVIEWING AND ASSESSING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION; (2) A NEGOTIATED DECLARATION; AND (3) A NEGOTIATED DOCUMENT THAT WILL ADDRESS ACHIEVEMENTS, OBSTACLES, INITIATIVES, AND FURTHER ACTIONS. THE U.S. HAS PROPOSED A FOURTH OUTCOME-A COMPILATION OF SUBMISSIONS BY MEMBER STATES ON BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED IN IMPLEMENTING THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION.

3. THE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 3 FOCUSED ON THE THIRD DOCUMENT. ALMOST EVERY DELEGATION MADE AN OPENING STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE DOCUMENT SHOULD BE SHORT, CONCISE, FOCUSED, ACTION-ORIENTED, AND FORWARD-LOOKING. HOWEVER, THEY ENDED UP LISTING COUNTLESS ISSUES THE DOCUMENT SHOULD ADDRESS.

4. THERE SEEMS TO BE AN EMERGING CONSENSUS THAT THE DOCUMENT WILL BE ORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS: (A) INTRODUCTION; (B)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND OBSTACLES; (C) NEW CHALLENGES, I.E. EMERGING ISSUES; AND (D) MEASURES TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES, AND ACTIONS AND INITIATIVES FOR THE FULL AND ACCELERATED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION.

5. THE "ACHIEVEMENTS AND OBSTACLES" WILL BE BASED ON THE 12 CRITICAL AREAS OF CONCERN OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION.

6. POSSIBLE "NEW CHALLENGES" SUGGESTED BY THE G-77 INCLUDE HIV/AIDS, AGING, THE FINANCIAL CRISIS AND ITS IMPACT ON WOMEN, FEMINIZATION OF POVERTY, AND GLOBALIZATION.

7. THE U.S. SUGGESTED AS POSSIBLE NEW CHALLENGES THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN PEACE-BUILDING, OLDER WOMEN, HIV/AIDS, TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, POLITICAL PARTICIPATION, GOVERNMENTAL/NGO PARTNERSHIPS, AND THE ROLE OF MEN IN GENDER EQUALITY.

8. NORWAY SUGGESTED HEALTH AND PEACE-BUILDING; JAPAN--THE IMPACT OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN; AND MEXICO--POPULATION MOVEMENTS.

9. THE SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE A SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE DECEMBER 3. MEMBER STATES MAY WISH TO MAKE FURTHER COMMENTS ON DECEMBER 3, THE FINAL DAY OF THE INTER-SESSIONALS.

MODALITIES FOR NGO PARTICIPATION

10. IN MARCH 1999, THE CSW BEIJING 5 PREPARATORY MEETING DECIDED THAT NGOS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH ECOSOC, AS WELL AS NGOS THAT WERE ACCREDITED TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, MAY PARTICIPATE IN BEIJING 5. IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT MODALITIES FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION WOULD BE DECIDED AT THE NEXT PREPCOM (MARCH 2000).

11. DURING THE UNGA DISCUSSIONS ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN, DELEGATIONS AGREED THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS MODALITIES FOR NGO PARTICIPATION AT THE INTER-SESSIONALS. THESE DISCUSSIONS BEGAN DECEMBER 1.

12. THE CHAIR BEGAN BY STATING THAT DISCUSSIONS WOULD FOCUS ON NGO PARTICIPATION IN THE PLENARY--THAT IT HAD ALREADY BEEN AGREED THAT NGOS MAY MAKE STATEMENTS IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. (NO ONE HAD ANY RECOLLECTION OF THIS AGREEMENT, BUT SINCE WE SUPPORTED IT, WE DID NOT OBJECT.)

13. THE G-77 HAS NO UNIFIED POSITION ON NGO MODALITIES OR PARTICIPATION AND DID NOT EVEN ATTEMPT TO SPEAK AS A GROUP.

14. THE EU SPOKE FIRST, SAYING IN LIGHT OF THE ICPD 5 AND WSSD 5 DECISIONS TO OPEN UP ACCREDITATION TO NEW NGOS, BEIJING 5 SHOULD DO THE SAME.

15. THE EU STATEMENT SPARKED RESPONSES FROM EGYPT, ALGERIA, CHINA, CUBA, AND SUDAN, WHO SAID THE ISSUE WAS CLOSED, AND THAT IF THE EU WANTED TO RE-OPEN IT, THERE WERE OTHER ISSUES THAT COULD BE RE-OPENED. THEY EMPHASIZED THEY WERE READY TO DISCUSS MODALITIES--NOT ACCREDITATION.

16. BRAZIL SAID WE SHOULD FIRST CONCENTRATE ON MODALITIES. AFTERWARDS WE COULD LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY OF WIDENING THE SCOPE OF NGO PARTICIPATION. BRAZIL EMPHASIZED IT SUPPORTED THE EU PROPOSAL, NOTING THAT NGOS HAD BEEN IMPORTANT PARTNERS NOT ONLY IN IMPLEMENTING THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION BUT ALSO IN PREPARING FOR BEIJING 5.
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17. CHILE, CANADA, JAPAN, NORWAY, CROATIA, AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA SUPPORTED BRAZIL'S STATEMENT.

18. THE UNITED STATES EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF NGOS IN IMPLEMENTING THE PLATFORM FOR ACTION; REITERATED THAT OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE NGOS, INCLUDING YOUTH NGOS; SUPPORTED WIDE PARTICIPATION OF NGOS IN BEIJING 5, INCLUDING NGOS FROM ALL GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS; AND SUPPORTED BRAZIL'S PROPOSAL THAT THE INTER-SESSIONALS FIRST FOCUS ON MODALITIES.

19. THE EU FEELS STRONGLY THAT NGO PARTICIPATION IN BEIJING 5 SHOULD BE AT LEAST AS OPEN AS NGO PARTICIPATION IN ICPD 5 AND WSSD 5. THEY ALSO BELIEVE THE G-77 WILL CONTINUE TO POINT TO THE LEAST FAVORABLE PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE NGO PARTICIPATION IN MAJOR UN EVENTS. FOR THESE REASONS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REVISIT THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS. USDEL SUPPORTS THESE VIEWS.

20. WHEN IT WAS DECIDED WE WOULD FOCUS FIRST ON MODALITIES, THE EU SPOKE SUPPORTING THE WIDEST PARTICIPATION OF NGOS IN PLENARY.

21. NORWAY SUGGESTED THAT, RATHER THAN CONFINING NGO STATEMENTS TO THE LAST DAY OF THE UNGASS, A FEW COULD SPEAK AT THE END OF EACH OF THE FIVE DAYS. THIS VIEW WAS SUPPORTED BY CANADA, CHILE, CHINA, AND THE U.S.

22. NAMIBIA REPORTED THAT THE AFRICAN MINISTERS HAD AGREED AT THE RECENT ECA PREPCOM THAT ALL ACCREDITED NGOS SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO SPEAK IN THE PLENARY-NOT JUST NGOS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH ECOSOC. THIS VIEW WAS SUPPORTED BY BRAZIL, GUYANA, CHILE, PERU, NIGERIA, AND TANZANIA.

23. BRAZIL SAID THAT AFRICAN NGOS SHOULD BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN PLENARY EVEN IF THERE WAS NO TIME FOR NGOS FROM OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS TO SPEAK. HOWEVER, BRAZIL WENT ON TO SAY THAT GRULAC SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST TWO NGO SPEAKERS-ONE FROM LATIN AMERICA, THE OTHER FROM THE CARIBBEAN. THIS STATEMENT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SUPPORTED BY GUYANA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, AND PERU.

24. EGYPT ARGUED THAT ONLY FIVE NGOS (ONE FROM EACH REGIONAL GROUP) SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK IN PLENARY, AND THAT THEY

MUST BE IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH ECOSOC. THIS WAS SUPPORTED BY CHINA, ALGERIA, AND CUBA. EGYPT LATER SAID THAT THEY COULD NOT ACCEPT ANY PROCEDURES THAT WENT BEYOND WSSD 5.

25. THE U.S. SAID THAT TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, WE SUPPORTED WIDE PARTICIPATION OF NGOS IN THE BEIJING 5 PLENARY AND AN EQUAL NUMBER OF NGOS FROM EACH GEOGRAPHIC REGION. WE ALSO SAID THAT THE DIVERSITY OF NGOS AND DIVERSITY OF TOPICS SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DECIDING WHICH NGOS COULD SPEAK IN PLENARY. WE ALSO SUPPORTED NORWAY'S PROPOSAL TO ALLOT TIME ON A DAILY BASIS IF PRACTICABLE.

26. ISRAEL NOTED THAT IF NGOS ARE CHOSEN FROM REGIONAL GROUPS, ISRAELI NGOS WOULD BE EXCLUDED BECAUSE ISRAEL IS NOT A MEMBER OF ANY GROUP.

27. TOWARDS THE END OF THE DISCUSSIONS, TANZANIA, CUBA, NIGERIA, AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA SAID THEY COULD LIVE WITH WSSD 5 MODALITIES.

28. ON DECEMBER 2, THE CHAIR CIRCULATED A SUMMARY OF THE DEBATE.

FURTHER ACTION

29. ON DECEMBER 3, THE FINAL DAY OF THE INTER-SESSIONALS, WE WILL ADDRESS ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES, INCLUDING THE DRAFT DECLARATION, NGO MODALITIES, AND THE "THIRD BEIJING 5 OUTCOME." IT IS HOPED WE WILL BE ABLE TO REACH CONSENSUS ON THE DRAFT DECLARATION. IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT FURTHER ACTION WE WILL TAKE ON THE QUESTION OF NGO PARTICIPATION AND ACCREDITATION, OR ON THE QUESTION OF THE OUTCOME OF BEIJING 5.

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