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Domestic violence

**On the occasion of the visit of the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff
to the First Lady, Melanne Verveer and Director, The President's Interagency
Council on Women, Theresa Loar**

**Roundtable Discussion on domestic violence and
trafficking in women in Russia**

Thursday, June 15, 2000
at 3:00 PM
Spaso House

GUEST LIST

HOST

H.E. James F. Collins
Ambassador, Embassy of the United States of America

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Ms. Theresa Loar
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Breakfast Meeting

Friday, June 16, 2000
from 8.30 AM to 10:00 AM
Townhouse One

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International Conference on "Empowering Women to Shape the New World" in Prague

Dear Ms Loar,

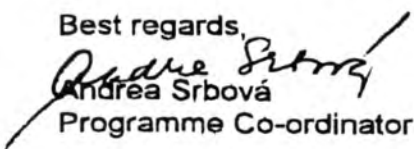
It is a great pleasure to inform you that Ellen Hume Shattuck will pick you up at the airport on June 12 at 11.10 am. and will take you to the U. S. Residence, where you will be staying.

The addresse of the U.S. Residence is as follows:

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Looking forward to welcoming you in Prague.

Best regards,


Andrea Srbova
Programme Co-ordinator

1997	Seminar on "Human Rights in the Armed Forces of the Baltic countries" (Fund Soros)
1998	Participation in the preparations of the European congress of peace supporters and conscientious objectors in Osnabrueck, Germany
1998, May	An international delegation of members of Amnesty International and Pax Christi visited our organization. We cooperate with Pax Christi and in autumn 1998 the general secretary of Pax Christi visited us again, together with members of the organisation Helsinki Watch
1998, June	Lecture at a conference of Amnesty International sections from all over Europe on aims of human rights work in the 21 st century
1998, June	Participation in a seminar about the organization and the possibilities of International Tribunals (Moscow)
1998, October	50 years Universal Declaration of Human Rights, conference in Warsaw with participation of human rights organisations and activists from all over the world
1998, December	50 years Universal Declaration of Human Rights, conference in Paris on the possibilities to protect human rights activists
1999, March	Research trip to Belarus, meetings with the writer Svetlana Aleksyevich, with members of the Belorussian Helsinki Committee and of the Belorussian Association of women-lawyers
1999, April	The first ever legal exchange between a Russian soldier kept prisoner in Chechenya and a Chechen prisoner (whose participation in a crime could never be proved) in St. Petersburg took place in the premises of the organisation
1991-1999	Constant work in the "School of Human Rights – We protect our sons"
1999	International School on Human Rights - Warsaw
1999, September	Speaking-tour to Brussels and Strassbourg with the Independent presentation on the human rights violations in the Russian Army

Summary:

Nongovernmental Human Rights Organization **"Soldiers' Mothers of St. Petersburg"**

Organization, horizontally organized (all members having equal rights)

Aims: To help people to protect their human rights by informing them on their constitutional rights. This seems to be the only way to achieve a civil society in Russia. (Pressure from below)

Work: School of Human Rights (self-help, self-participation of citizens); monitoring; educational programs; lessons of human rights in military units

Background: Christian approach

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Non-governmental Human Rights Organisation "Soldiers' Mothers of St. Petersburg"

The non-governmental human rights organisation "Soldiers' Mothers of St. Petersburg" has been active since 1991 in legally defending the rights of conscripts and recruits. With its support forty thousand conscripts and about three thousand "begunki" (deserters) upheld their right not to serve in the army or to get an early leave from military service with help of the Russian laws. The members of this organisation understood what people need most: mutual respect and help, truthful information, knowledge of laws and the skill to make use of them. The "Soldiers' Mothers of St. Petersburg" actively raise people's awareness of their human and civil rights, which are protected by the Russian Constitution and the Russian legislation. To achieve this goal the Soldiers' Mothers show conscripts, recruits and their relatives how to defend one's rights by using these laws.

Organization and Background

The "Soldiers' Mothers of St. Petersburg" are organized horizontally, all members have equal rights and all documents (especially concerning money-matters) are always open to all members. Therefore, a hierarchy can't develop within the organization – every member is important.

The organisation "Soldiers' Mothers of St. Petersburg" has a religious background and approaches questions concerning moral, ethics or human life from a christian point of view.

Aims:

The main aim of the organisation "Soldiers' Mothers of St. Petersburg" is:

To help people (and especially conscripts and recruits and their relatives) to protect their human rights for life and health by informing them on their constitutional rights and by showing them, how they may make use of the laws that protect them.

Members of the organisation "Soldiers' Mothers of St. Petersburg" are convinced, that this is the only way to achieve a civil society in Russia. Every single citizen, every russian family has to know about their rights and has to become an active member of society. Only pressure from below can guarantee a democratic development in Russia.

Everyday work:

We are usually contacted by young people and their families who have encountered:

- cases of unlawful conscription to military service
- torture and humiliation during military service
- arbitrary tyranny on the part of military and civil authorities
- refusal to render medical help and conduct medical examination

Since 1991 several thousand begunki (deserters) addressed the "Soldiers' Mothers of St. Petersburg" for help. The organisation's opinion is, that the individual, looking for help and trying to defend its dignity, is the most important factor in its work. That's why the organisation tries to get the begunok (deserter) out of the military system of violence and power. Only when the young man is in safety, the members of the organisation suggest the young man and his family further steps to find a solution. All information given to the organisation by citizens may only be passed on (e.g. to journalists), when the citizens himself has agreed in writing.

Moreover, the organisation holds lessons twice a week in the "School for Human Rights – We protect our sons". Each consultation is attended by about 100 people. Russian citizens may learn during these lessons about their rights in connection with their call-up to the army and during the time of their military service. They understand how they can make use of the laws that protect them and help others to do so.

After the public consultations people may discuss their individual cases personally with a member of the organisation.

As the name of the "School for Human Rights – We protect our sons" suggests, the main aim is not only to inform people, but also to raise their self-initiative and self-help.

Only after citizens reached this step (with the help of the organization), they can go on to the next, which is just as important: to help others in becoming active members of society.

Knowledge is the best way to prevent totalitarian movements and therefore an aim of the organization is to found a whole net of active citizens which help one another. They pass on their knowledge, their experiences and their methods to other people in need.

The constant monitoring of violation of conscripts' and servicemen's rights allows us to prepare reportings on

human rights violations, especially violations of the right for life and health.

Apart from all this, the "Soldiers' Mothers of St. Petersburg" publish the brochures "Protection of conscripts rights" and "Protection of recruits' rights". The brochures deal with the legislation and show up how to defend young men's rights.

A short chronology of our work

1991	Foundation of the non-governmental human rights organisation "Soldiers' Mothers of St. Petersburg"
1993	Religious blessing of the organisation
1994	Handing over of documents on the violation of Human Rights of conscripts in the russian army to the European Parliament. Based on this, resolution #B3-0062/94 was adopted by the European Parliament on January 20 th
1995	Participation in the march of motherly compassion and peace in Chechenya
1995	Participation in the hearing of the official Russian declaration in front of the UN Human Rights Committee
1995	Participation in the Assembly of people in Perugia, Italy (50 years UN) and march of peace to Perugia
1996	Speaking-tour through Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Norway and Sweden together with Zainab Gachava from the Women's Union of Northern Caucasus
1997, May 15 th	Trip to Strasbourg, France to hand over to the Council of Europe an independent statement on violations of the Human Rights Convention by the Russian Federation "On the violation of human rights in the armed forces of the Russian Federation"
1997, May 16 th	Participation in the European seminar on conscientious objection of military service (Linz, Austria)
1997, May 22 to 27 th	Trip to Holland on invitation of Amnesty International. Meetings with representatives of AI, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, NGO's and ECCO
1997, June 16 th	Trip to USA, lecture on "Controlling the military: the role of individual citizens" at an international conference at the university of Wisconsin – Whitewater

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CONSORTIUM

ANY WOMEN'S NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION CAN BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CONSORTIUM, IF IT SHARES THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

- ☐ Equal rights, freedoms, and equal opportunities for women and men;
- ☐ Equal respect for women's organizations involved in different activities;
- ☐ Absolute equality and independence for all member organizations of the Consortium;
- ☐ Willingness to cooperate with other women's organizations.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE CONSORTIUM IS FREE

To apply for membership in the Consortium, please forward your letter of request along with copies of your charter and registration documents, and letters of recommendation from two Consortium members, to

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CONSORTIUM OF WOMEN'S
NONGOVERNMENTAL
ASSOCIATIONS



КОНСОРЦИУМ ЖЕНСКИХ
НЕПРАВИТЕЛЬСТВЕННЫХ
ОБЪЕДИНЕНИЙ

THE MAIN GOALS OF THE CONSORTIUM ARE TO:

- ⇒ Implement the constitutional principle of equal rights, freedoms, and equal opportunities for women and men;
- ⇒ Increase the role of women's non-governmental organizations in building civil society;
- ⇒ Promote highly qualified women experts to the level of decision-making.

THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE CONSORTIUM

- ⇒ Promote and advocate interests of women;
- ⇒ Cooperate with authorities in order to improve legislation in the interests of women with the purpose of:
 - providing equal opportunities
 - preventing domestic violence
 - protecting the reproductive health of the Russian population
 - supporting women's entrepreneurial initiative stopping women trafficking
- ⇒ Establish the system of public monitoring to control observance of the Russian and international legislation;
- ⇒ Educate and train women's organizations in developing leadership skills, promoting and advocating women's interests, and creating coalitions.

The Consortium is a coalition of more than 100 women's organizations from 37 regions of Russia. The Consortium is a part of the International Network of the NIS-US Women's Consortium, established in 1993. The Network unites over 200 women's organizations, including 30 organizations in the USA, over 100 in Belarus, Moldova, and Ukraine, and more than 100 organizations in Russia.

Member organizations of the Consortium represent interests of various professional groups of women: researchers, medics, entrepreneurs, farmers, journalists, and lawyers. Many of these groups try to solve specific women-related problems, such as violence against women, women trafficking, women's reproductive health, etc.

The Consortium supports its member organizations by providing consultations, training, and by jointly participating in various projects.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS PROMOTION AND ADVOCACY

Is aimed at creating favorable social environment for women, adopting laws ensuring equal rights, and at implementing non-discriminational policy by executive authorities. This type of activity is implemented by active participation of the Consortium members in promotion of the equal opportunity legislation in the parliament hearings on issues of domestic violence, reproductive rights, demographic situation, labor rights, and taxation.

In close cooperation with the Consortium, the State Duma Committee on Women, Family and Youth Issues prepared a Concept paper on legislation aimed at ensuring equal rights and equal opportunities for men and women. The Concept paper was approved by the State Duma in October, 1997.

ESTABLISHING THE SYSTEM OF PUBLIC MONITORING to control the observance of the Russian and international legislation, and to monitor activity of all branches of power is one of the major objectives of women's NGOs, and that of the Consortium as well. The Consortium initiated gender analysis of the electoral campaign to the State Duma and its composition in 1999, as well as the presidential elections of 2000.

The Consortium developed the **SYSTEM OF EDUCATING AND TRAINING WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS** in developing leadership skills, promoting and advocating women's interests, and creating coalitions. The Consortium holds regular conferences, seminars, and trainings.

Among the newest **SOCIAL TECHNOLOGIES** of the Consortium, the following should be mentioned:

- ⇒ Discussions on joint strategies of participation in parliament hearings together with other women's organizations;
- ⇒ Preliminary surveys of its members on issues posed by the Consortium in its open memorandums to the President and to the federal authorities.

Involvement of member organizations in such joint projects increases their self-awareness and teaches them in practice how to cooperate with state authorities and promote interests of women.

COOPERATION WITH MASS MEDIA

The Consortium holds regular press conferences and also sends its speakers to the Russian training center 'Praktika', where staff of regional and local TV stations are trained.

ACTIVITIES IN THE SPHERE OF INFORMATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

- ⇒ The Consortium's Internet site contains information on the coalition, member organizations, official documents and laws that are important for women, and about major events in the women's movement (<http://www.wcons.org.ru>)
- ⇒ 35 member organizations underwent special training, and received modems and access to the Internet in 1998.
- ⇒ The Consortium initiated publishing of a series of books, documents and training manuals,
- ⇒ The Consortium and its members actively participate in international, national and regional conferences.

St.-Petersburg Woman's Parliament
unites women of Municipal councils,
candidate-members and leaders of non-
governmental organization.

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The processes of democratization and frame reform taking place in St.-Petersburg have led to a unique phenomenon of womanliness democracy.

Among 50 deputies of City Hall there is only ^{one} woman, and, no woman in the City Government, while the greater part of population of St.-Petersburg are women.

The situation when women are pushed aside from management disrupts the society and disturbs the society and disturbs the social balance and justice.

The mission of St.-Petersburg Woman's Parliament is to make woman to be more involved in projects dealing with democracy and development of civil society, to promote women into government and management.

The tasks of the Woman's Parliament are to:

- ✓ realize of policy of equal right and equal opportunities for both men and women in all spheres of life;
- ✓ cooperate with government to improve social status of women, to project their rights and interest;
- ✓ develop leadership qualities of women improving their political and parliamentary culture;
- ✓ support women candidates during elections;
- ✓ lobby on behalf of women's interests through both City Hall and Government;
- ✓ work out laws to improve the social status of women and to observe their rights and contribute to realization of their initiatives;
- ✓ in large international contacts to study the experience of women in different

countries of their participation in policy and management.

To realize its mission Woman's Parliament:

- ✓ takes part in elections;
- ✓ cooperates with mass media and non-governmental organization;
- ✓ organizes seminars and training on technology of elections, development of women leadership qualities;
- ✓ organizes auditions on politics;
- ✓ organizes auditions on political, social, economical problems;
- ✓ takes part in analyses of social opinion, contributes to woman's political education;
- ✓ holds round table discussions, seminars and conferences;
- ✓ carries on publishing activity.