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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
BEIJING COMMEMORATIVE VIDEO SCRIPT
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(Footage of Beijing, Conference)
Narrator:

They came from villages and towns in Africa, high rise buildings in Tokyo, and communities around the United States. Representing countries big and small, women and men gathered in Beijing, China to participate in the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women.

They shared one goal: to improve the health, education, and well-being of girls, women and families worldwide.

HRC:

Hello, I'm Hillary Rodham Clinton. Last September I was one of some 50,000 women and men who attended the Conference in Beijing. As the honorary chair of the United States delegation, I saw firsthand the commitment and energy delegates from around the world brought to the task of finding ways to improve women's lives.

By gathering in Beijing, we focused world attention on issues that matter most in the lives of girls, women and their families: Access to education, health care, jobs, and credit, the chance to enjoy basic legal and human rights, to live lives free from

violence, and to participate fully in the political life of their countries.

These are things many of us in the U.S. take for granted. Here, when a girl turns five or six, she goes to school, no ifs ands or buts about it. But for girls in some other parts of the world, school or even learning to read is sometimes just a dream.

Imagine not knowing how to read signs on the road or how to sign your name, not because you're lazy, or a slow learner, but simply because you're a girl. For millions of women and girls around the world, that is reality.

When girls are taught to read, they are better able to contribute to their society. When they are given the respect and guidance that they deserve, girls can help their families, communities, and countries achieve their full potential.

By addressing issues important to women, delegates at the Beijing conference also addressed issues of crucial importance to every family and every nation in the world.

Let's take a closer look at some of the issues were highlighted in Beijing.

NARRATOR:

Women are more than half of the world's population.

Women in developing countries -- especially Africa -- grow at least half of their nation's food. They raise most of the world's children and nurse the elderly. In short, they are the unrecognized backbone of the world economy.

Yet 70 percent of the world's poor are women. Two thirds of those who are not taught to read and write are women.

While they often grow and prepare the food their families eat, women in some countries must wait to eat the leftovers from their husbands and sons and brothers and fathers' meals.

Sometimes, mothers are forced to watch their children die of malnutrition caused by poverty.

In many countries, women and girls don't have a say in the political life of their countries. They are not allowed to own property, borrow money from a bank, or inherit property equally with men.

Women throughout the world, including in America, are paid less for the work they do. There are still many jobs that are not available to women.

And so long as these conditions exist -- as long as women are

prevented from realizing their God-given potential -- neither women nor their families will flourish, committees and nations can't flourish either.

Today, through the United Nations, people from all over the world are working hard to make sure that girls and women are treated with the respect and dignity they deserve.

For fifty years, the United Nations has strived to make the world a more peaceful and better place for all people to live. Founded by 51 nations at the end of World War II, the United Nations has helped countries in many parts of the world end and even avoid bloody wars. And through organizations such as UNICEF and The World Health Organization, the United Nations has tried to help the world's developing nations become stronger and more independent.

The UN has consistently recognized the importance of making women full partners in all its projects. Over the years, the UN has played an active role in promoting women's rights and providing a place where all women can voice their concerns.

The Beijing Conference was not the first UN conference to focus exclusively on the status of women; it was the fourth. In 1975, women for the first time gathered in Mexico City for the International Women's Year World Conference. There, delegates

agreed to a resolution calling for the end of all discrimination against women and a commitment to promoting a greater awareness of women's issues around the world.

In subsequent meetings in Copenhagen, Denmark and Nairobi, Kenya delegates gathered to evaluate their progress and develop strategies to address problems facing women.

The most recent meeting in Beijing, which attracted world leaders including the Prime Ministers of Norway and Pakistan; and the President of Peru, took the work of previous conferences even further. For the first time, women's issues were recognized as issues that were important to everyone: men and women, boys and girls, small nations and big nations.

GERTRUDE MONGELLA : "There's no going back"

At the end of two weeks of debate, delegations from 189 nations approved the Platform for Action. It is a document which outlines strategies for implementing social and policy changes to improve the conditions of women and children.

Too often, women throughout the world are battered by their husbands, their fathers and other family members. Some armies rape women in enemy countries as a tactic of war. The Platform condemns violence against women everywhere -- in the home, on the

streets, and in war -- and calls on governments to play a role in preventing and punishing violence.

The Platform also encourages the establishment of innovative banks that will give small loans to women so they can start businesses in poor neighborhoods.

Our own U.S. delegation which was made up of representatives of several different religious traditions - Muslims, Jews, Catholics and Protestants - worked with other countries to recognize and protect the important role religion and spirituality play in the lives of women and their families.

GRO HARLEM BRUNTLAND: "Women will no longer accept being second class citizens."

[find something from BENAZIR BHUTTO, too]

At a parallel conference at Huairou, half an hour outside Beijing, 35,000 community activists from private organizations around the world met to exchange ideas and develop specific recommendations for their governments. They organized workshops, seminars and lectures on a variety of women's issues and developed steps that their governments can take.

Americans of all ages and backgrounds -- high school principals

from Maryland, nurses from Tennessee, nuns from Pittsburgh -- met their counterparts from all over the world. The streets of Huairou were filled with the colors of the world: Indian women in bright silk saris, Muslim women with dark veils, and delegations of African women wearing fabrics they made especially for the conference.

The Platform for Action is not legally binding, but it is a document that many women can use to pressure their governments into changing laws and practices that discriminate against women. It recognizes that any discrimination against women is a violation of human rights.

HILLARY CLINTON : "IF there is one message that echoes forth from this conference, it is that human rights are women's rights...and women's rights are human rights."

NARRATOR:

The conference and the Platform for Action weren't just the work of adults. One third of the delegations sent youth representatives to Beijing. Young people were represented in unprecedented numbers -- more than at any other UN conference in history.

Youth groups from America, including some from Minnesota, Iowa, California and New York also attended the Non-Governmental

Organization Conference at Huairou. [[footage of youth tent/youth speeches/International Youth Day Sept. 11, 1995]]

More than half of the world's population is under 25. That means that most of the "women and girls" we were talking about at the conference were girls just like you.

The voices of young people were heard loud and clear at this conference. Their energy in advocating for better access to education for girls, decent health care and the preservation of the environment impressed and inspired the older delegates.

HRC: The fourth women's conference was an important milestone for women. Here in the United States, we have made a strong commitment to achieving the goals we set at the conference. We are dedicated to ending violence against women, to expanding our political participation, to assuring equal access to educational opportunities and health care, to strengthening families, and to building strong communities.

What we saw in Beijing was not just another conference and not just a lot of talk. If we follow up as individuals, as schools, as businesses and as governments then we will see those goals come to life. That progress will make the world safer, more prosperous, and more democratic for all people.

No matter what your age or position in life, you can try to learn more about the world around you, to share your learning with others and to work with each other to make the world a better place.

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First Draft

FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

Commemorative Video

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BELIJING 1995 - FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

Opening Sequence:

Footage of Beijing: city shots,
women activism shots, conf.
shots etc.

Beijing, China 1995.

NARRATOR:

In unprecedented numbers, women
leaders from all over the world
convened for the United Nations
Fourth World Conference on
Women. They represented many
cultures and spoke many
languages, but they shared one
common goal: to advance the
empowerment of women and build
on the gains from previous UN
conferences.

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Hillary Clinton on camera.

VO:

Hello, I'm Hillary Rodham
Clinton. The Beijing Conference
showed encouraging signs that
we have made progress in
improving the condition of
women. While our work is far
from complete, we have made
some impressive achievements.

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As we build on the resolutions
of the Beijing conference to
further advance women's rights,
it is fitting for us to pay
tribute to the courageous women
who pioneered the women's
movement. In an age where women

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were considered inferior and incapable, they demanded their legitimate, equal and rightful place in social and political life. These women walked a long and harsh path, and without the strength of their beliefs, we would never have come this far nor achieved this much.

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Archival footage: stills of Susan B. Anthony, Eleanor Roosevelt and the other women activists mentioned in this historical section. If available, footage of the suffrage movement and generic footage of activism involving both white and African American women.

This footage will cover the entire hist. Section till we talk about the UN confs.

NARRATOR:

In 1853, a former schoolteacher named Susan B. Anthony joined with two other women - Elizabeth Stanton and Ernestine Rose - to petition the New York legislature for women suffrage. It was one of the most significant landmarks in the women's movement. Due to their efforts the Federal Suffrage amendment was passed in 1918, giving women the right to vote.

As the movement gained momentum in the 20th century, it found great support in the influential figure of Eleanor Roosevelt. She used her position as First Lady to give women's rights issues importance and a public forum. Through her weekly column and her frequent radio shows, she drew attention to the cause of

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all women. She actively supported the League of Women's Voters and the Women's Trade Union League and worked to give women greater opportunities, both professionally and politically. In her, for the first time, not only women but children, minorities and all marginalized people had a powerful advocate in the White House. She emphasized the importance of the family unit, and encouraged women to take the humane and nurturing values of the home into the world at large.

For African American women, the struggle for rights was also a struggle for basic human dignity. When an ex-slave named Sojourner Turner joined Susan B. Anthony to demand equal rights for African American women, she was asking for more than the right to vote. With her was born a long line of outstanding African American women who could aspire to be anything they wanted to be. Women like Rosa Parks, who challenged segregation when she refused to give up her seat on a bus, thus triggering the

who would

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civil rights movement. Or Constance Baker Motley, who was the first African American woman to be appointed a federal judge ~~in 1966~~. Or Barbara Jordan, who in 1966 became the first African American Senator in Texas since 1883.

Even as the women's movement was growing in the United States, it was finding a broader international mandate in the newly created United Nations. Over the years, the UN has played an active role in promoting women's right and providing a forum for all women to voice their concerns and their demands.

Slides or if available footage from the three previous WCW's

It started in 1975, when the United Nations held the International Women's Year World Conference in Mexico City. This was the first official recognition of women's concerns on a global scale. A resolution was passed calling for the end of all discrimination against women.

The conference was also significant because it inaugurated the UN Decade for

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Women, which commenced in 1976.

Through these years, with UN support, women all over the world mobilized to promote *a greater awareness* ~~consciousness~~ of women's issues and to seek remedial action.

Q In 1980 The Mid Decade World Conference for Women was hosted in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Representatives of both developed and developing countries worked together to identify and outline the

various socio-economic problems faced by women around the

world. The conference also set

the stage for the formulation

of the UN World Survey on the

Role of women in Development in

1984. The document established

that women play a crucial role

in the development and progress

of a nation, ~~both on the macro~~

~~and micro level~~. It was a

turning point in the history of

women's issues within the UN

system.

At the End of Decade World

Conference on Women in Nairobi,

Kenya, the Forward Looking

Strategies for the Advancement

of Women, was unanimously

adopted. In Mexico and

Copenhagen, women had gathered

to define the issues concerning

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women's rights. In Nairobi, they assembled to establish strategies that would address the problems outlined in the previous conferences.

The support and encouragement of the United Nations was crucial to the ~~women's~~ *women everywhere struggling* movement. Through these

conferences, the movement was internationalized and the resolutions passed were used by *organizations* ~~called~~ NGO's to influence governments and the political process to expand the role of women in society and in policy decisions.

CUT TO:

Hillary Clinton on camera

VO:

We have a responsibility to *women everywhere* history, to justice and to our children. We must *continue to* carry on the work of all those who have come before us, and ~~take control of~~ *contribute as best we can to* our own lives and our destinies. As the Beijing conference revealed there is much that we have to accomplish yet. Women constitute over half the population of the *in many places* ~~world and yet in country after country women are still denied~~ access to education, proper health care, to jobs, to political and civil rights.

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It is important for us to build on the resolutions of the Beijing conference to expand our achievements in advancing women's rights. We must work together, men and women to further this human rights agenda. ~~Our experience over the last decades has shown us that~~ where women prosper, countries prosper. ~~We as women have to take responsibility to help each other participate more effectively in the home, in the work place, in our communities and our nations.~~

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Opening fanfare from the Beijing conf.

Bring up logo - BEIJING '95 - A PLACE FOR WOMEN

B-roll footage of women in Beijing in a spirit of camaraderie

NARRATION: *near*
In the continuing struggle to define their place in society and government, women gathered *for* to attend the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China.

Traveling
Braving great distances and *great expense* overcoming many obstacles, they came from all corners of the world to be seen, to be heard, and to be represented.

VO: "There's no going back."

NARRATION:

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In this spirit of forging ahead and effecting real change, members of the 185 delegations at the official U.N. conference, drafted the Platform for Action. It is a document which outlines strategies for implementing social and policy changes to improve the conditions of women and children. (Should we have specific eggs here?)

A parallel NGO conference held in Huairou was an opportunity for grass roots activists to meet, exchange ideas and learn from each other. They organized workshops, seminars and lectures on a variety of women's issues in their ongoing effort to develop a common language of understanding across cultural and international diversities/differences.

Thous. of women

Share ideas exchange ideas

OC:
Gro Harlem Brundtland

VO:

"Women will no longer accept being 'second class' citizens of the world."

NARRATION:

The Beijing conference sent a powerful message to the world - that all discrimination against

B-roll Beijing

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women and any abuse of their dignity and their reproductive rights is a violation of human rights and human freedom. As mothers and daughters assembled to participate in a common cause, it was once again evident that the history of the persecution of women has continued unchallenged for far too long.

VO:

OC:
HILLARY CLINTON

"If there is one message that echoes forth from this conference, it is that human rights are women's rights...and women's rights are human rights."

NARRATION:

B-roll of the U.N. session to iron out lang of Platform

The themes of this conference echoed the issues that had been raised in preceding conferences - in Vienna, in Cairo and in the previous women's conferences. The Platform for Action establishes/seeks to:

CG list of these key points

- Expanded sexual freedom for women
- Guarantees their reproductive rights
- The denouncing/denouncement of violence against women
- That rape is a weapon of war

stuff about girls

What do men mean from young girls

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- That women should have equal inheritance rights
- and that the rights of children should be protected and advanced.

MONTAGE:

Various women/ on camera
stating their feelings, their
objectives - one liners

VO's (such as):

"I believe in the energy and dynamism and what women can achieve and this conference is an example of that" - Indian woman on CNN

OR (something like): (any one)

"Every kind of woman is here"

"We are here to empower women"

"I brought my mother/daughter because the problems of her generation continue to be the problems of mine"

"We will not be ignored"

CUT TO:

Footage from Youth day at the conf; kids holding hands singing

OC:

Young girl

CUT TO CLOSING CEREMONY FOOTGE

OC:

GERTRUDE MONGELLA

VO (young girl):

"It would help if the governments listened to our voices and to please do what we ask" - CNN

VO:

"The eyes of the world are upon

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us, the world will hold us
accountable for the
implementation of the good
intentions and decisions
arrived at in Beijing"

B-roll Beijing

NARRATION:

Although the resolutions of the
Beijing conference are not
binding, the Platform for
Action is a powerful tool for
advocacy. As the conf came to a
close, women returned to their
countries armed with this
document which sets the
standards against which
governments will be monitored
and held accountable in the
promotion and safeguard of
women's rights.

*Blueprint for
Gm's
action at
all levels
of society*

SLIGHT FADE TO BLACK:

Hillary Clinton on camera.

VO:

The fourth women's conference
at Beijing was an important
milestone in the continuing
struggle for the liberation of
women and the establishment of
human rights for all. We, in
the United States have a strong
commitment to achieving, both
domestically and globally, the
five goals we presented at the
conference. We seek to end all
violence against women, to

*Women's
program
at home &
abroad*

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expand the participation of women in political decision making, to assure equal access for women to education and health benefits, to strengthen families through balanced responsibilities for men and women and to encourage the increased role of NGO's in building strong communities.

Put in English

We also added the special section on the protection and advancement of the rights and well being of our children.

Each generation is instrumental in forming the world of the generation that follows. Let us not leave our children a legacy of suffering and indignity. The violation of women stops here?

There is much work to be done yet. Unfortunately, even today, around the world women are being victimized through illiteracy, abuse and exclusion from social and political decision making. Despite recent gains, women remain an undervalued and underdeveloped human resource.

But we can make a difference, you and I, all of us together,

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by getting involved. As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of women suffrage, let us not forget how precious and fragile ~~our~~ freedom is. We must not endanger our achievements or thwart our progress by our complacency. I strongly urge you to become active in your own communities, to support and encourage education, to exercise your voting rights and to lobby your political representatives. We cannot afford to be silent and we cannot afford to be indifferent.

We can, each one of us, impact the future through our actions. As we acknowledge our achievements in all the women who have excelled as teachers, lawyers, doctors, artists, scientists, aviators, politicians, mothers, wives and daughters, I would especially like to single out the contributions that women have made in two of these roles. Our mothers, who by building strong families are helping to build strong and responsible societies. And our teachers, too often underpaid, too often

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