

TERESA GONZÁLEZ FERNÁNDEZ DE SOLA

Dear Mrs. Clinton: This is a brief summary of the case of Gabriela Arias Uribe - AS the Official Delegate to the First Ladies' Conference. I would like to consider the possibility to include a paragraph regarding this kind of situations in the Declaration of Chile. This year, as you know, is the Celebration of 50th Anniversary of Universal Human Declaration. So we can put it in a positive way.

putting the accent on the Rights of the
children to have both parents and families.
I will write to the office of the rest of the First
Ladies of the America and propose it to
Theresa Loar for Vital Voices in Montevideo -
By the way, Theresa Loar and her whole team
have done an outstanding job with efficiency
and with an open heart -
Let me know your opinion - See you
in Chile

Belfast - 2-1X-98

Theresa Loar

ABDUCTION OF SHABAN ARIAS' CHILDREN

A leading case for Argentina: There are about 10,000 more cases like this in the world.

On December 10th, 1997 Shaban Arias children were illegally taken away by their father Imad Shaban, from their home place in Guatemala, after a Family Court Judge in Guatemala had granted the mother their custody. Since that day, Mrs. Gabriela Arias Uriburu, the mother, has not had any news from her children until March 21th 1998, when she learnt, through indirect sources, that they were in Amman, Jordan, with their father.

The Shaban Arias family consists of Gabriela Arias Uriburu (33 years), Argentinian, daughter of the former Ambassador of Argentina to Guatemala; Imad Mahm'd Shaban (40 years), a Jordan of origin who later acquired Guatemalan citizenship; and their three children Karim (5 years), Zahira (4 years) and Sharif (2 Years), all born in Guatemala, where the family always lived.

Since the day the children were abducted, their mother has been desperately trying to contact them and to obtain a solution through diplomatic ways.

On March 3rd, 1998, the President of Argentina, Carlos Menem sent personal letters to King Hussein of Jordan and to President Antonio Arzú of Guatemala, requesting to apply all the necessary efforts in the search and restitution of the minors.

Meanwhile Gabriela has met several Jordan authorities as well as representatives of the U.N. and O.A.S. Currently, Argentina is presenting the case before several International Organizations.

The present situation is that though the Justice Department of Guatemala requested an order of arrest of Mr. Imad Shaban under the charge of abduction of minors, and through Interpol has issued an order of detention of Mr. Shaban. Besides Guatemalan Judges claim to be the only jurisdiction over this case and demand that the children should be returned to their mother and to their own country.

It is absolutely necessary that the correspondent authorities should take active action for the Convention on the Rights of the Children to be respected. Said Convention was signed both by Guatemala and Jordan.

It is perentory for the children to be back with their mother in accordance with the Natural Right, the right which was violated by a unilateral decision of their father.

It is Gabriela's openly expressed wish that their children should keep a close contact with the father, in order to receive the best of each culture.

The best solution for the well being of the children Shaban Arias is that, within a fair and mutually agreed arrangement, the children should go back to Guatemala, the country where they were born, have grown up and where they have been educated.

**8th Conference of Wives of Heads of State
and Government of the Americas
Santiago, Chile
Background on First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's Involvement**

On September 27-28, 1998, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will participate in the 8th Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas, building on over four years of her involvement in issues relating to children and women in the Western Hemisphere.

On December 10, 1994, as President Clinton hosted the Summit of the Americas in Miami, Mrs. Clinton invited all the First Ladies attending the Summit to join her at a parallel convening focused on children's issues. The *Symposium on Children of the Americas* examined how the Summit of the Americas agenda and plan of action addressed the health and education needs of children. There, the First Ladies committed themselves to working toward the Summit health and education goals.

The Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas is an annual meeting, which brings together First Ladies or designated representatives of the countries of North, South, and Central America, as well as the Caribbean, to focus on critical social topics -- particularly affecting women and children -- and to share information on effective programs and strategies. After the Miami Summit, Mrs. Clinton accepted the invitation of the First Lady of Paraguay to participate in the 5th of these annual Conferences, marking the first time that a First Lady from North America would join in this convening. On March 24, 1995 Mrs. Clinton wrote a letter to each First Lady of the Western Hemisphere, recommending participation in the Paraguay Conference and suggesting that three critical topics discussed at the Miami Symposium be added to the agenda -- measles elimination, maternal mortality reduction, and education reform.

In her letter, Mrs. Clinton urged the First Ladies of the region to be involved in the measles elimination program coordinated by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), and specifically, to participate in the launch of PAHO measles elimination campaigns in their own countries. On April 7, 1995, at the national PAHO headquarters in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Clinton gave the keynote address at the national launch of this effort, and there announced new U.S. assistance to the campaign.

On October 16, 1995, Mrs. Clinton traveled to Asuncion, Paraguay and gave a keynote address at the 5th Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas. There, she announced the formation of the Partnership for Education Revitalization in the Americas known by its Spanish acronym (PREAL), a project called for at the Miami Summit of the Americas to provide assistance for the sharing of education reform best practices in the region.

On December 3, 1996, Mrs. Clinton traveled to La Paz, Bolivia, to participate in the 6th Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas, again giving a keynote address and urging the First Ladies of the Americas to continue their work on behalf of women and children in the region. At the Bolivia Conference, Mrs. Clinton announced a U.S.-funded hemispheric partnership to reduce maternal mortality. There, she and Bolivia's First Lady, Mrs. Sanchez de Lozada, witnessed the signing of a \$2.25 million USAID grant to PAHO, for regional activities of the Maternal Mortality Reduction Initiative.

On October 8-9, 1997, the Conference was held in Panama City, Panama. There, Mrs. Clinton focused her participation on promoting women's political participation and human rights. Also in Panama, Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Perez Balladares, the First Lady of Panama, witnessed the signing of a USAID grant of \$4.5 million over 3 years, to the Inter-American Institute on Human Rights (IIHR), a Latin American organization dedicated to promoting respect for human rights and the consolidation of democracy throughout the Americas through research, education, training and technical assistance to government, regional organizations and non-governmental organizations (see separate USAID press release on the grant signing). Mrs. Clinton's involvement with the IIHR included a visit to IIHR headquarters in Costa Rica on May 8, 1997. There, she and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright participated in roundtable discussion with IIHR leadership and women who are human rights leaders from Central America to discuss the status of human rights in the region.

This year, the 8th Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas takes place in Santiago, Chile on September 28-30. Santiago is particularly fitting venue for the Conference, because Chile hosted the Second Summit of the Americas earlier this year. The Conference, entitled, "The Americas Pave Today the Way for the Year 2000," will address five main topic areas: education, promotion of women's rights to full participation, prevention and elimination of domestic violence and child abuse, and coordination with the agreements and resolutions of the Second Summit of the Americas.

Mrs. Clinton will address the Conference on "Promoting Women's Rights to Full Participation in Society and Supporting Civil Society." In addition, Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Frei, the First Lady of Chile, will also host a ceremony to witness the signing of two USAID grants. The first, a \$5.0 million grant with the International City-Council Management Association and the National League of Cities, will work to strengthen and support local governments through Latin America, a goal of the Second Summit of the Americas. The second grant, which also stems from Summit commitments, will support a U.S.-Chile Scholarship program dedicated to improving development programs in the areas of poverty alleviation, democracy strengthening, education, and economic integration. Mrs. Clinton will also participate in a Conference initiative sponsored by Mrs. Frei, in which each participating First Lady bring with her a painter. The painters from around the hemisphere will work with Chilean children while the Conference proceedings are ongoing and together create a mural to be unveiled at the conclusion of the Conference. Mr. Jesse Trevino, a realist painter from San Antonio, Texas, will participate in the program on behalf of the United States.

Scene Setter: USG Signing Ceremony

While in Santiago at the First Ladies' Conference, Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Frei will witness the signing of two USAID grants, both of which relate to implementation of agreements made at the Second Summit of the Americas held in Santiago, Chile in April, 1998; The U.S. Chile Scholarship Program and a regional grant to the International City/County Management Association for support to national municipal associations in the LAC region.

US-Chile Scholarships Program

On April 16, 1998, Secretary of State Albright and Chilean Minister of Foreign Relations Insulza signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on International Development Cooperation. Under the MOU, the U.S. and Chile are to seek opportunities to undertake joint development programs that support the objectives agreed to during the Summit of the Americas, especially in the areas of 1) poverty alleviation; 2) democracy strengthening; 3) education; and 4) economic integration.

The United States-Chile Development Scholarship Program grew out of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between Secretary of State Albright and Chilean Minister of Foreign Relations Insulza on April 16, 1998. The Scholarship Program is designed to assist with the Latin American and Caribbean human resources development through increased professional and technical capacities around the hemisphere. Scholarships will be given to individuals to attend training programs in Chile that advance U.S. bilateral programs/objectives in third countries in the region. This Scholarship Program will comprise the first joint initiative under the MOU.

Responsible Agencies: The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the International Cooperation Agency of Chile are charged with the primary responsibility for implementing the MOU.

Regional Grant for Local Government

USAID will sign a new \$5.0 million grant with the International City/Country Management Association (ICMA), and its partner the National League of Cities, will help increase capacity building efforts at the local government level by to providing access to a wider range of local government development skills. Specifically, the program will work with the national associations of municipalities, their regional support organizations, and the international donor community, to increase accountability, increase and improve training of municipal officials, and increase communication through Internet with a view to sharing successful experiences in solving common problems. The program will also set up a Donors Consultative Group to improve the effectiveness of international support for local government in the Latin American and Caribbean Region.

Responsible Agencies: The program will be implemented through key non-profit organizations that work with local governments in Latin America and the U.S. The International City/County Management Association, and the National League of Cities. This

program will also work with the the regional chapters of International Union of Local Authorities (IULA); IULA-FEMICA in Central America and IULA-CELCADEL in South America.

This program is a direct response by the U.S. to the commitment made in Santiago at the Second Summit of the Americas to "strengthen the capabilities of regional and local governments, when appropriate, and to foster more active participation in civil society."

The signing ceremony will include representatives from ICMA, IULA, and two to three Chileans who have been involved in the development of a Handbook on Gender Equity in Local Government.



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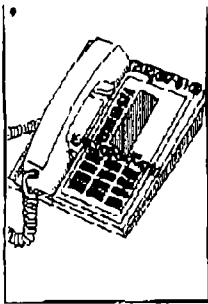
Sincerely,



Mark L. Schneider

cc: Ms. Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
The White House

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2. We value our potential as a shared network of common goals and projects that transcend our borders for the purpose of bringing together, developing, and using capabilities and resources to the benefit of our societies, especially its *[sectors most at risk:]* *vulnerable sectors*

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3. Our actions are oriented towards supporting and promoting social policies and strategies consistent with international agreements and resolutions that foster the strengthening of democracy, the *eradication* *[elimination]* of poverty, progress *toward* *[in terms of]* economic stability and social justice for all the peoples of the Americas;

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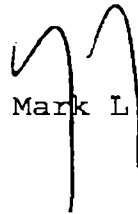
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Mark L. Schneider

cc: Ms. Melanne Verveer
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Tentative Agenda
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Sunday, September 27

Arrival of First Ladies and Official Delegations

Monday, September 28

0800 - 0830: Processing credentials (Hotel Sheraton)

0830 - 0900: Conference Inauguration

Salón Pedro de Valdivia, Hotel Sheraton

0930 - 1030: Panels and selected project presentations (4). 30 minutes for each presentation, with questions by the First Ladies.

- * Strengthening the Integration of the Rural Woman
 - * Socio-Economic Democratization
 - * Productivity and Commercialization
- (IICA is the responsible agency for these three activities)

- * Family Violence
- (OPS/OMS and BID are responsible agencies)

1045 - 1100: Coffee Break

1100 - 1200: Panel Sessions.

- * Sex Education (UNFPA is the responsible agency)
- * Measles Erradication by the year 2000 (OPS/OMS is responsible agency)

1230 - 1300: Discussion of the Plan of Action from the Second Summit of the Americas and the Plan of Action for this Eighth Conference

Speaker: Carlos Appelgren (head of the Americas Desk, Foreign Ministry)

1315 - 1430: Lunch (at the Hotel Sheraton)

1445 - 1700: Start of presentations by the First Ladies (8 minutes each)

1700 - 1715: Coffee Break

1715 - 1900: Continuing presentations by the First Ladies

1900 - Free for the Evening

Tuesday, September 29

0900 - TBD: Continuing presentations by the First Ladies

1300 - 1430: Lunch (Hotel Sheraton)

1445 - 1830: Continuing presentations by the First Ladies

Note: there will be a parallel meeting of
Technical Advisors who will draft/review the Santiago Declaration.

2030: Official Dinner at Castillo Hidalgo

Wednesday, September 30

0900 - TBD: Continuing presentations by the First Ladies

Note: Mrs. Clinton will be the first speaker of
the morning. Her subject will be Promotion of Women's Participation Rights

Following the First Ladies' presentations,
conference delegates will move to the Museum Casa Lo Matta.

TBD: Signing of the Declaration of Santiago

Conference Closing, with the event "América Pinta con
los Niños"

Cocktails

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

FACSIMILE COVER SHEET

TO:

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COMMENTS:

Let's discuss this letter. Tomorrow is my last day in the office for a few weeks, and I'd be very grateful for you to help me with a few follow-up items:

① The painter issue (see attached)

② The translation of the declaration - follow up

③ The description to Veronica from Mark of the proposed signing ceremony.

Thanks so much!

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 27, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN HAMILTON, STATE
MARK SCHNEIDER, USAID
TED PICCONE, NSC

CC: MELANNE VERVEER, OFL
MADELINE WILLIAMS, USAID

FROM: NICOLE RABNER, OFL

SUBJECT: CHILE FIRST LADIES CONFERENCE DRAFT DECLARATION

As discussed in last week's meeting, attached for your review please find the draft declaration of the First Ladies Conference to be held in Santiago this September. This draft was recently forwarded to us from Mrs. Frei's office. Mrs. Frei's office has asked for written comment by July 30th. Please feel free to forward comments or questions to me by fax (456-2878) or by phone (456-7263). Thanks very much.



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Technical Preparatory Meeting

SANTIAGO DRAFT DECLARATION

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Santiago de Chile, 22 al 26 de junio de 1998



8ª CONFERENCIA DE
ESPOSAS DE JEFES DE ESTADO
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Recommendation to the Declaration:

Paragrah 10:

As you know, in some countries, such as the United States, the adolescent pregnancy rate has actually fallen in the past few years. To be clear that the rise refers to the hemisphere as a whole, please add “in the Americas” at the end of the first sentence.

More changes and edits will follow with the translation revision.

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Reunión Técnica Preparatoria

DECLARACION DE SANTIAGO

Versión N° 2

Santiago de Chile, 22 al 26 de junio de 1998

BORRADOR DECLARACION DE SANTIAGO

(Versión N°2 al 25 de junio de 1998)

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1. Reconocemos la creciente necesidad de contribuir más activamente en la promoción de las soluciones de los problemas sociales que hoy exigen un esfuerzo hemisférico, para reunir capacidades, compartir experiencias, potenciar iniciativas, y diseñar estrategias que nos permitan actuar eficazmente sobre ellos.
2. Apreciamos nuestro potencial como una red que comparte propósitos y proyectos afines más allá de nuestras fronteras para convocar, desarrollar y aplicar capacidades y recursos en beneficio de nuestras sociedades, especialmente de los sectores más vulnerables.
3. Nuestras acciones se orientan a apoyar y promover políticas y estrategias sociales consistentes con los acuerdos y resoluciones internacionales que promueven el fortalecimiento de la democracia, la eliminación de la pobreza, el progreso hacia la estabilidad económica y justicia social para todos los pueblos de las Américas.
4. Reafirmamos los acuerdos suscritos en la Declaración de Panamá respecto a la vulnerabilidad de los grupos poblacionales que reciben el mayor impacto de la pobreza y la exclusión social.

5. Reconocemos que la globalización está generando en cada uno de nuestros países nuevos escenarios que se traducen en un conjunto de nuevas exigencias y oportunidades a las capacidades nacionales.

6. Destacamos la valiosa colaboración que brindan las Agencias de Cooperación, los Organismos Internacionales y Programas Multilaterales de apoyo a las Políticas Sociales, Instituciones Gubernamentales y No Gubernamentales, los cuales concurren con el aporte de iniciativas y recursos a la implementación de nuestras actividades.

7. Suscribimos y valoramos los avances logrados que consigna el "Informe de Seguimiento de Acuerdos y Proyectos Adoptados en la VII Conferencia de Esposas de Jefes de Estado y de Gobierno de las Américas" relativos a: Prevención de Embarazo Precoz, Prevención y Control del Cáncer, Eliminación del Sarampión, Eliminación de Todas las Formas de Violencia, Disminución de la Morbi Mortalidad Materna, Cumplimiento de los Derechos y Deberes de la Infancia, Mejoramiento de la Calidad de los Sistemas de Educación en la Niñez, Acceso Equitativo de Niñas y Niños a la Educación, Acceso Equitativo de la Mujer a los Procesos de Toma de Decisiones.

8. Concordamos en asumir como ejes temáticos prioritarios de esta Octava Conferencia por su relevancia y pertinencia a la realidad de los países congregados, la Educación; el fomento a los Derechos de Participación de la Mujer; la prevención y eliminación de la Violencia Intrafamiliar y Maltrato Infantil; Coordinación con los Acuerdos y Resoluciones de la Segunda Cumbre de las Américas celebrada en Santiago de Chile en abril de 1998 y otras conferencias relevantes sobre estos temas.

9. Destacamos en el ámbito de la Educación, la importancia del desarrollo integral de la infancia, con énfasis en la educación inicial de niños y niñas menores de 6 años en situación de pobreza u otras situaciones de riesgo, y en la incorporación y permanencia de las mujeres en la fuerza de trabajo. También, destacamos la importancia de continuar aunando esfuerzos para apoyar las estrategias educativas orientadas a la salud de las mujeres.

10. Reconocemos como una problemática urgente de abordar el incremento de embarazos de adolescentes y el aumento de la prevalencia del Síndrome de Inmunodeficiencia Adquirida. en los jóvenes y mujeres. Acordamos comprometer nuestros esfuerzos en el fomento y apoyo a la educación sexual de niños y niñas y a la prevención del VIH y ETS.

11. Reafirmamos nuestro apoyo al fortalecimiento de los derechos de participación de la mujer en todos los ámbitos del quehacer social, político, económico y cultural de nuestros pueblos. Valoramos de manera especial las iniciativas emprendidas en materia de integración de la mujer rural.

12. Declaramos nuestra firme voluntad de continuar promoviendo la igualdad de trato y oportunidades para las mujeres como un indicador del progreso efectivo de la consolidación de los mecanismos democráticos que nuestros países impulsan. Apoyaremos aquellos programas tendientes a fortalecer las capacidades de la mujer, con especial énfasis, los que promueven y desarrollan su liderazgo.

13. Reconocemos y valoramos los avances alcanzados en los países del hemisferio en la legislación relativa a la violencia intrafamiliar. Acordamos comprometer nuestros esfuerzos en el fortalecimiento de los organismos pertinentes que garanticen una adecuada implementación y un cumplimiento efectivo de los derechos y deberes que emanan de dicha legislación.

14. Reiteramos la necesidad de garantizar la continuidad de los esfuerzos orientados a erradicar el sarampión de nuestro hemisferio para el año 2000. Asimismo apoyaremos otras iniciativas tendientes a implementar estrategias innovativas en promoción de la salud física y mental.

15. En el contexto del Año Internacional del Adulto Mayor fijado por Naciones Unidas entre el 1º de octubre de 1998 y el 30 de octubre de 1999, acordamos promover en nuestros países un trabajo sistemático que propenda a su plena integración social, económica y cultural. También colaboraremos en el intercambio y apoyo técnico en la materia entre nuestros países.

16. Destacamos que nos reunimos coincidiendo con la celebración del 50 Aniversario de la Declaración de los Derechos Humanos de las Naciones Unidas y nos comprometemos a promover el cumplimiento cabal de las metas contenidas en esa trascendental Declaración.

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18. Agradecemos a la Primera Dama de la República de Chile, señora Marta Larraechea de Frei, y en especial al pueblo chileno por la atención recibida durante nuestra estadía.

19. Agradecemos y aceptamos el gentil ofrecimiento de la Esposa del Primer Ministro de Canadá, señora Aline Chrétien para ser sede de la IX Conferencia de Esposas de Jefes de Estado y de Gobierno de las Américas.

20. Reafirmamos nuestro apoyo al acceso y participación de la mujer en la toma de decisiones como una de las formas más importantes de alcanzar nuestras metas y "Construir hoy los caminos del 2000".

...Translations changes offered by The English-speaking delegations.

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REGULATIONS

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GENERAL DISPOSITIONS

Article 1: PARTICIPANTS

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The Heads of Delegations are defined as the First Ladies of each of the countries attending the Conference. First Ladies are also the daughters of those Heads of State and Government that publicly manifest same.

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Paragraph: The Government Delegates, Technical Advisors and Guest Delegates are alternate delegates, and are subject to protocol precedence.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONFERENCE

Article 3: SPEECH RULES

No alternate delegate may speak out during the Plenary Meetings without previous authorization of the Pro-Tempore Secretary.

The Pro-Tempore Secretary will give the floor to the speakers in the order established previous to the meeting. The Pro-Tempore Secretary may call a speaker to order when his/her observations do not relate to the subject being discussed.

Article 4: SPEECH LIMITATIONS

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- c) The alternate delegates are allowed no more than two interventions on the same subject. Before a decision is made, two speakers in favor and two against a theme proposal may speak in order to establish such limits.

Article 5: PRECEDENCE

A Government Delegate may be granted precedence to deliver his/her delegation's work. However, the protocol rule of precedence on participation and deliberation rights prevails.

Article 6: DURING SPEECH TIME LIMITATION

- a) According to protocol precedence, the Pro-Tempore Secretary may limit the extension of each speaker's interventions and the number of each representative's interventions on a single subject.
- b) During a debate, the Pro-Tempore Secretary may read the list of speakers and declare this list closed. Nevertheless, if a speech given after the closing of the list makes it advisable, the Head of Delegation may be granted the right to respond.

Article 7: PROPOSALS AND AMENDMENTS

The proposals and amendments must be written and presented to the Pro-Tempore Secretary, who will distribute a copy of these to the delegations.

Article 8: REPRESENTATION OF THE DELEGATIONS

Each Delegation may be a Head of Delegation, a Government Delegate or a Technical Advisor during the first Plenary Sessions. Participation of the delegation representatives is subject to protocol precedence.

Article 9: DESIGNATION OF THE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES

If designated by the Head of Delegation, the counselors, technical advisors, experts or individuals of a similar category may act as commission members will no be able to act during the sessions with the right to vote nor voice, which will be entitled only to the First Lady of each country, not to the alternate delegates.

Article 10: VOTING RIGHTS

The Head of Delegations will have the right to vote on the Final Declaration and the Action Plan, according to protocol precedence.

Article 11: VOTING PROCEDURE

- a) Voting will be done through consensus.

Article 12: RULES TO BE OBSERVED DURING VOTING

Once the beginning of the voting process is announced by the Pro-Tempore Secretary, no representative may interrupt it.

Article 13: SESSION ORGANIZATION

Acknowledging the value of the debate, and in order to make the best use of time during this Summit, the following dispositions are to be observed:

- a) Extension of the Plenary.
It should not extend itself for more than three hours.
- b) Closing of the speaker's list.
The organization of the debate demands that the list of speakers who wish to participate be closed two weeks prior to the Conference.

- c) Extension of the interventions.
The time for the programmed interventions must not exceed fifteen minutes. Any spontaneous interventions during the Plenary may not take longer than three minutes.

Article 14: RESPONSE RIGHTS

During the sessions, the delegations may use the right to respond at the end of the Plenary, within the established time.

When exercising response rights, the interventions of each delegation will be limited to two per subject.

FINAL DISPOSITIONS

Article 16: BENEFITS

All countries of the region that express their interest and adhesion to the programs proposed and to be executed within the context of the Eight Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government's Final Declaration, shall benefit from these.