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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 15, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

FROM: Nicole Rabner
RE: 7th Conference of Wives of Heads of State or Government of the Americas

As you know, Panama is the host country for the 7th Conference of Wives of Heads of State or Government of the Americas, which will take place in the fall of 1997. Mrs. Perez Balladares hopes to discuss her vision for the Conference agenda with you at tomorrow's meeting, as well as to solicit your ideas and recommendations.

Status of Conference Agenda

Mrs. Perez Balladares has chosen for the title of the Panama Conference, "Let Us Build the Future of the Americas with Human Rights and a Culture of Peace." The broad framework for the Conference, presented by Mrs. Perez Balladares, is:

- Reporting on progress of agenda items from past convenings, including measles elimination, maternal mortality reduction and domestic violence elimination, and to discuss needed future action on those items.
- Introduction of four new themes for discussion and presentations by the participating First Ladies: 1) Improving Education for the 21st Century; 2) Promoting Human Rights; 3) Empowering Rural Women; and 4) Ending Child Labor.

Based on the strengths and weaknesses of the past conferences, Panama has elected to hold its entire conference in plenary, with no working groups. After your departure in La Paz, the organization of the Bolivia conference deteriorated, and the working groups held there were widely viewed as ineffectual.

Recommendations for Conference

Panama very much wants our advice and assistance on developing the structure and agenda for the conference; my meeting yesterday with Mrs. Perez Balladares' chief advisor, Leonor Calderon, who will join tomorrow's meeting, reinforced this point. The Symposium on Children that you hosted in Miami is still considered as the best model for an action-oriented, effective convening.

Tomorrow's meeting is an important opportunity to give guidance to Mrs. Perez Balladares on how to shape the Conference and use it to best propel the First Ladies to further action and advocacy on behalf of women and children. Many of the past Conferences have made the

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mistake of focusing on small, new projects, with tiny funding levels from international organizations and undefined goals, for the First Ladies to take on themselves. By contrast, the measles elimination initiative you introduced to the First Ladies had a strong structure, clear objective, and a defined role for the First Ladies to be involved without assuming responsibility for the project within their immediate offices. The measles initiative also had the important element of stemming from commitments made in Miami at the Summit of the Americas, and therefore held the support of the ministries throughout the Americas.

As you know, the second Summit of the Americas is planned for the spring of 1998 in Chile, approximately six months following the Panama Conference. The convening in Panama is therefore an important opportunity, in preparation for the Chile conference, to rally the First Ladies of the region to be vigilant advocates, on behalf of the commitments made in Miami relating to women and children. The First Ladies can help to measure and monitor progress. The meeting in Chile will then present an opportunity to highlight what the First Ladies have done, individually and collectively, to bring the countries closer to the goals of Miami.

Your meeting with Mrs. Perez Balladares tomorrow is an opportunity to reinforce this point, and to encourage the First Lady to tie specific goals -- such as those defined in Miami -- to the broad themes of the Panama Conference.

Panama will hold a preparatory meeting with representatives of the invited First Ladies on May 28-30th in Panama City, which I plan to attend, and the Conference agenda will be further developed there.

Scheduling of Conference

As you know, at the last minute Panama changed the dates of the Conference to accommodate Mrs. Frei. After consulting with Patti, I told Mrs. Perez Balladares' advisors that while we cannot yet commit to your participation in the Panama Conference, we know that these earlier dates look very bad for your schedule. They are eager to change the dates to make it more likely for you to participate, and Patti and I have advised scheduling the Conference in early October (perhaps just prior to the President's trip to South America).

Mrs. Perez Balladares

You may recall that Mrs. Perez Balladares has been one of the most impressive speakers at the Paraguay and Bolivia conferences, with a clear commitment to children and women's issues and a goal-oriented approach to the projects she undertakes in Panama. Attached please find a summary of activities for which she is known in Panama.

Mrs. Perez Balladares is now in the United States to receive an honorary degree from Lindenwood College in Missouri, where she will go following your meeting. Mrs. Perez Balladares was active creating a scholarship program for Panamanian students to study there, and the first group of Panamanian students will graduate this year. In Washington, Mrs. Perez Balladares will open an exhibit of Panamanian handicrafts at the Artisan Center, and meet with Ana Milena Gaviria, wife of Caesar Gaviria, current Secretary-General of the OAS and former President of Colombia.

PANAMA: Your Meeting with Mrs. Dora Boyd de Perez Balladares
Friday, May 16, 1997

Background

The first lady of Panama will host the 7th Conference of the Wives of the Heads of State and Government of the Americas in Panama City in September. Mrs. Perez Balladares led Panama's delegation to the Beijing Women's Conference, and she worked to assure Panamanian support for allocating more resources to eradicate poverty, especially among women. The Government of Panama set up a Women's Council including NGO's and governmental agencies to implement Beijing. Mrs. Perez Balladares is particularly interested in children's issues and has come to the States to receive an honorary doctorate from Lindenwood College in Missouri for her efforts in the field of education.

September will be a busy month, Panama is hosting a Universal Congress on the Panama Canal (September 7-10) and will later host the First Ladies of the Americas Conference.

Panama is a democracy of about 2.5 million citizens with a generally good human rights record in recent years. However, domestic violence and sexual harassment against women, especially in the workplace, remain major problems. A family violence law that criminalizes family violence was passed in 1995, but women are often reluctant to file complaints with the police.

Objectives

Mrs. Perez Balladares will want to confirm your participation in the "First Wives" conference in September. We want to encourage Panamanian engagement in the Summit of the Americas follow-up process.

Talking Points

- o (If raised). The Universal Congress on the Panama Canal will highlight the smooth transition from U.S. to Panamanian control of the Canal. As your ^{United States} government has been informed, the President plans to designate a appropriate representative to the Canal Congress.
- o It is important that the preparatory Technical Meeting in Panama on May 27-30 focus on developing a specific agenda for the September First Wives Conference. By focusing on a few key issues we can accomplish more.
- o The Summit of the Americas Plan of Action provides a perfect venue for pursuing important women and children's issues that the First Ladies have been advocating in the region. I would urge you to remain engaged on these issues in the Summit follow-up working group process.

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A Summary of Selected Activities of the Office of the First Lady of the Republic of Panama

The First Lady's Office is involved in a substantial number of social activities focussed primarily on children (up to 14 years of age), youth (15-19 years of age) and women.

Following is a sample of her involvement:

- **Covenant for Children** (Contrato con la Niñez)
Activities range from health and nutrition to education sports and drug prevention. Specific objectives include: the immunization of at least 85% of all minors against infectious diseases; increase distribution of mega doses of Vitamin A; prevention of child abuse, teen pregnancy, drug abuse and child labor; reduce the incidence of street children; and to strengthen child care services.
- **Education**
Activities include the promotion of scholarships and financial assistance to students from low-income families; assistance for handicapped students, and the provision of school supplies for needy students.
- **Humanitarian Assistance**
Activities include coordination and assistance to victims of natural disasters and accidents; assistance in special cases to individuals or groups in critical socio-economic conditions, such as, health care outside of Panama i.e. heart surgery; assistance for housing, funeral services, etc.
- **Community Development and Participation**
Activities include promotion of self-help productive projects, particularly in the rural areas; vocational training; family planning; assistance in the care of senior citizens and the handicapped; provision of mini libraries; and technical assistance and training in project design, fund raising and the implementation of projects. Community assistance also include the distribution of clothing, food, toys and school supplies to low-income families; coordination with national and international organization for the provision of specialized services such as, Operation Smile, the Christian Medical Mission, the Ocon Chiropractic Mission and Face to Face, among others.

- **Orientation and Support Services to Organized and Non-Organized Groups.**
Activities promote and support civic clubs, sports clubs, social clubs, indian organizations, non-governmental organizations, family groups, cultural clubs and senior citizen clubs, among others.
- **The Coalition of Panama - For a Drug Free Community**
Activities are designed to develop positive attitudes through concrete actions that strengthen the social and protective factors of the individual which contribute to keeping children and youth away from drugs and its dangers.
- **Municipality of the XXI Century**
This is a pilot program involving about a dozen municipalities with high rates of poverty, high incidence of malnutrition and wide gaps in living conditions within its population. Activities promote and support the modernization of the municipal government, community organization, development of municipal projects that directly address poverty issues, and coordination and integration of external cooperation. Heavy emphasis is placed on integrating resident youths in the program by stressing skills development, strengthening youth organizations, developing support services for youth in critical areas, including research on drug consumption among children and adolescents.

PANAMA UPDATE

What is the U.S. Policy?

- The U.S. is committed to a successful transfer of the Panama Canal and the drawdown of U.S. troops by December 31, 1999 as required by the 1977 Panama Canal Treaties.
- We are discussing the possibility of creating a Multinational Counternarcotics Center (MCC) at current U.S. military facilities which would require a modest U.S. military support presence after 1999.
- The U.S. is attempting to level the playing field for U.S. investors and to protect U.S. IPR holders.

What is the U.S. Doing?

- The U.S., through the Panama Canal Commission (PCC), is implementing with the GOP a "Milestone Plan" to ensure a "seamless" transition of Canal Administration to the GOP.
- The U.S. and Panama have conducted informal discussions to evaluate the MCC proposal. We favor U.S. participation in the MCC, under the right conditions.
- The U.S. officially protested the GOP's violation of international norms in privatization processes, including the canal ports, which disadvantaged U.S. companies. The GOP faces potential U.S. sanctions for failing to curb significant violations of intellectual property rights.

What's Next?

- The PCC will cosponsor the "Universal Congress of the Panama Canal" in September in Panama to showcase the transition process.
- We have made progress on the MCC proposal, but there is considerable work to be done on the nature of U.S. military support to the MCC. We will continue pursuing this issue with the GOP through our informal channels.
- The GOP is addressing and should resolve disputes with U.S. investors. GOP enforcement of IPR will be key to getting it off the 301 watchlist in an upcoming out-of-cycle review.

Potential Pitfalls?

- Despite positive signs, concern over the GOP's ability to manage the Canal after 1999 could remain.
- A future U.S. military presence is a sensitive issue in Panama. We have proceeded cautiously to avoid harm to our overriding interest in a smooth transfer of the Canal.
- Irregularities may continue to plague U.S. investors.

PANAMA - POLITICAL OVERVIEW

Overview

The United States has a strong interest in the maintenance of a free and democratic government, coupled with an open economy to help bring prosperity and stability to Panama and the region. The United States also has strategic interests in the efficient and secure operations of the Panama Canal and in a variety of law enforcement issues, especially in combatting the trafficking in illegal drugs and related illicit money-laundering.

The U.S. and Panama have a generally positive bilateral relationship. Early in his presidency, president Perez Balladares consistently demonstrated a desire for good relations with the United States. For example, shortly after his election, he offered safehaven to Haitian refugees despite strong public opposition, and subsequently provided refuge for over 8,600 Cubans between his inauguration in September 1994 and their departure to Guantanamo in February.

Canal Treaties

Implementation of the 1977 Panama Canal Treaty and the Neutrality Treaty are major pillars of the bilateral relationship. The Panama Canal Treaty terminates at noon on December 31, 1999, at which time the Government of Panama will assume complete control of the Panama Canal. At the same time all U.S. military forces must be out of Panama (unless a new agreement is reached), and all U.S. military facilities revert to Panama. The Neutrality Treaty remains in force indefinitely and gives the United States the right to defend the neutrality of the Panama Canal.

The Canal

Although the development of alternative routes for some commodities has reduced the importance of the Canal in trans-U.S. commerce, it is still important to Japan, Chile, Ecuador, and Peru, in addition to the United States. Roughly 13 percent of U.S. international shipborne commerce flows through the Canal. The figure for world trade is 4 percent.

The Panama Canal Commission, a U.S. Government agency, operates the Canal. In late 1994, the new Panamanian Legislative Assembly passed a constitutional amendment to provide a framework for an independent Panamanian Canal Authority to operate the Canal after 1999. The Perez Balladares Administration threw its support to the amendment and engineered its passage. The amendment has positive features aimed at insulating the Canal organization from tactical political influence. However, it will be the details of the implementing legislation, and its subsequent

interpretation and enforcement, which will determine the ultimate effectiveness of the new constitutional entity. The implementing legislation is currently with the National Assembly.

The Panama Canal Commission Board of Directors adopted a "Milestone Plan" detailing each step which the PCC must take to complete the canal transfer. Both Governments are committed to what is termed a "seamless" transfer, i.e., a change of management with no interruption of service. The transition plan is moving ahead smoothly.

The Panamanians are deeply and substantially involved in operating the Canal. Currently, almost 90 percent of employees are Panamanian and some 40 percent of top management is of Panamanian nationality, including the Administrator and two of three section chiefs. Four of the nine Commission Directors have been Panamanian nationals since the 1977 treaty was implemented.

In September 1997, Panama will host the Universal Congress of the Panama Canal to showcase their ability to continue operating this important maritime service.

Property Reversion

Between now and the end of 1999, the U.S. military plans to return property consisting of about 70,000 acres and about 5,600 buildings to the Government of Panama. However, President Clinton and President Perez Balladares' September 6, 1995 decision to explore the possibility of a reduced post-1999 U.S. military presence in Panama could lead to a revision of the property reversion schedule should both countries agree to such a presence.

Estimates of the value of land and improvements range upward from ten billion dollars. As Panamanians have said, optimum economic usage of these properties is important to take up the economic slack brought on by a smaller U.S. presence as 2000 approaches. U.S. bases inject \$450-500 million dollars a year into the Panamanian economy and create some 10,000 jobs. The record on use of the properties that have reverted thus far is mixed, but the Panamanians are looking for productive uses for the important properties soon to be transferred.

We are encouraged by the attention currently being shown to the subject of property reversion by the Panamanian government. The Interoceanic Regional Authority (ARI) was created to manage the reversions. The Interamerican Development Bank is heavily involved in assisting the Government of Panama to plan and execute the projects involving the reverted properties.

The Panamanians plan to take advantage of reverting properties to make Panama a commercial and educational hub in the Western Hemisphere. The government visualizes uses including new transshipment ports, a center of higher education, light manufacturing zones, and residential and resort areas. The U.S. is in favor of Panama's finding profitable uses for reverted areas and has offered technical assistance for that purpose.

Basing

President Clinton and President Balladares agreed in September 1995 to explore the two countries' national and joint interests in a post-1999 U.S. military presence in Panama. In June, 1996 President Perez Balladares suggested that Howard Air Force Base be used as a Multilateral Counternarcotics Center (MCC) after 1999. In September, Ambassador John Negroponte was appointed to coordinate U.S. policy on the issue. Since then President Perez Balladares has publicly stated that traditional U.S. basing arrangements are not on the negotiating table since the United States is unwilling to provide significant, direct compensation. However, other arrangements such as a U.S. military presence associated with the MCC are under active consideration. Informal discussions have been held with the Panamanians on this issue to determine if there is sufficient level of mutual interest to warrant moving to more formal talks.

Money Laundering and Counternarcotics

Money laundering continues to pose a major challenge for Panama's international image, although progress is being made. In November 1995, the government passed an important anti-money laundering law requiring banks to report suspicious transactions. In 1996, with U.S. Government help, the Government of Panama established a Financial Analysis Unit to monitor money transactions in Panama. Since then the first money laundering case has gone to the courts. Panama has registered some success in interdicting illegal drug shipments and has pursued an eradication program against illicit coca and marijuana crops which has enjoyed considerable success. Panama received six helicopters from the United States Government in 1996 to use in counternarcotics operations.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 7, 1997

Ms. Leonor Calderón
Office of the First Lady
Panama City
Panama

Dear Leonor:

Please accept my belated thanks for your warm hospitality in Panama City at the Preparatory Meeting. Your hard work was evident throughout the meeting, and I am particularly grateful for the special attention you gave to Liliana, Madeleine and me. I very much enjoyed spending time in your beautiful country. Please convey my gratitude to Mrs. Perez Balladares.

Since my return, I have not received updated materials on the Conference, such as the final draft declaration for comment. I am eager to see both the English and Spanish versions. In addition, I wonder if I could ask you to send to me your working draft of the Conference agenda before it is distributed throughout the region, so that we might discuss Mrs. Clinton's participation before the Conference schedule is finalized.

You had mentioned that you were planning a trip to the United States and to Washington, D.C. sometime this summer. If you have time, I would very much like to meet with you while you are here so that we might discuss the Conference further and, specifically, follow-up on some of the items that we discussed briefly in Panama, and that our First Ladies discussed during their meeting together.

Please feel free to call me at 202/456-6266 or to fax to me at 202/456-2878. I will be out of the country from July 10-20; in that time, please call Madeleine Williams, at 202/647-8246.

I look forward to speaking with you soon.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Nicole Rabner
Office of the First Lady

cc: Madeleine Williams

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Comments: Madeline, I hope it was okay to
tell Leonor, in the attached letter,
to call you if she can't reach me to
discuss the Panama Conference. Please
call me when you return to DC.

Thanks very much.

Hope you had a great July 4th weekend.

Nicole

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TEA WITH THE FIRST LADY OF PANAMA

11:00 a.m.

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Mrs. Perez Balladares, the First Lady of Panama

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Mr. Eduardo Morgan, Ambassador of Panama to the US

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Diane,

Attached please find country clearance granted to Ms. Liliana Ayalde, Ms. Madeline Williams and Ms. Nicole Rabner.

Regards,

Mercedes

SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR MS. LILIANA AYALDE, MADELINE WILLIAMS AND NICOLE RABNER

1. COUNTRY CLEARANCE IS HEREBY GRANTED MS. LILIANA AYALDE, DIRECTOR, LAC/CEN; MS. MADELINE WILLIAMS, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO AA/LAC, AND MS. NICOLE RABNER, OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY-THE WHITE HOUSE, FROM MAY 27 THROUGH MAY 30, 1997. PURPOSE OF TRAVEL: TO ATTEND TECHNICAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE FIRST LADIES OF THE AMERICAS.

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-- THERE IS A HIGH INCIDENCE OF CRIME REPORTED IN CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CITIES OF PANAMA AND COLON. AS OF DECEMBER 1996, OFFICIAL POLICE STATISTICS REFLECT AN INCREASE IN VANDALISM, THEFT FROM VEHICLES, STOLEN VEHICLES AND STRONG-ARMED ROBBERIES/PICK-POCKETING. THE HIGH CRIME AREAS OF PANAMA CITY ARE: VERACRUZ BEACH, CHORRILLO, ANCON, CURUNDU, PANAMA VIEJO, SAN MIGUELITO, RIO ABAJO AND MADDEN DAM.

-- ADVICE TO AMERICAN TRAVELERS: USE PRUDENCE AND EXERCISE GOOD PERSONAL SECURITY PRACTICES AS YOU WOULD IN ANY HIGH CRIME AREA OF A MAJOR U.S. CITY. BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT. MINIMIZE THE AMOUNT OF CASH, CREDIT CARDS, JEWELRY AND OTHER VALUABLES YOU CARRY WITH YOU. DO NOT RESIST DURING A ROBBERY ATTEMPT. IN CONGESTED AREAS, MEN SHOULD PLACE THEIR WALLET IN THEIR FRONT POCKET. AVOID GOING OUT ALONE, PARTICULARLY AFTER DARK. CHOOSE RESTAURANTS WHICH HAVE ADEQUATE SECURITY, I.E., GUARDS/ESCORTS, PARKING LOT LIGHTS AND ENTRY BUZZER SYSTEMS.

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To: Nicole Rabner

From: *Icela Constantino*
Icela Constantino
Pro-Tempore Secretariat

Date: May 21, 1997

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*As per Ms. Calderon 's instructions we are sending herewith all
the information sent today to Liliana Ayalde.*

Registration form

Program

Free translation of letter to Mrs. Clinton.

*We would greatly appreciate your sending the registration form via
fax: 227-46-40 or 270-23-06. We are covering the hotel stay from
the 27th thru the 30th of May at the Riande Continental Hotel
where the meetings are going to be held.*



Provisional Program

7^{ma}. CONFERENCIA DE
ESPOSAS DE JEFES DE ESTADO
Y DE GOBIERNO DE LAS AMERICAS

Delegations arrive.
Registration.

Wednesday 28th

8:00 - 8:30

Registration.

8:00 - 8:30

Inauguration.

9:00 - 10:30

Work Session N°1

- Introduction to the Methodology of the Meeting.
- Introduction to the Methodology of the Follow-up Reports Presentation.

10:00 - 10:30

Coffee Break

11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Work Session N°2

- Pending Actions of the Agreements in execution.

1:00 - 2:00

Open Lunch.

2:00 - 4:00

Work Session N°3

- Presentation of new projects by the International Agencies:
- 1- Twenty-first Century School: PAHO - UNICEF - UNFPA.
- 2- Education for Human Rights and Peace Culture: UNESCO.
- 3- Integration of the Rural Woman in Trade and Productive Activities: IICA-CIM.
- 4- Eradication of Children's Work: ILO - AECI.

4:00 - 4:30

Coffee Break

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Working Session N°4

- Presentation of New Projects - Continued.

8:00

Dinner and Typical Performance at Las Tinajas Restaurant

Thursday 29th

8:00 - 10:00

Work Session N°5

- Work Groups for the four New Projects.

10:00 - 10:30

Coffee Break

10:30 - 12:30

Work Session N°6

- Work Groups - Continued.

12:30 - 1:00

Conveyance to the Presidency of the Republic.

1:00 - 2:30

The First Lady offers a luncheon for the principal Technical Delegates. The other Delegates have an open lunch.

2:30 - 3:00

Conveyance to the Hotel.

3:00 - 6:00

Work Session N°7

- The Work Groups present their conclusions.

Open night.

Friday 30th

8:00 - 10:00

Work Session N°8

- Logistical Information on the VII Conference.
- Press Information on the VII Conference.

10:30 - 11:00

Coffee Break.

11:00 - 12:30

Work Session N°9

- Discussion of the VII Conference's Declaration Proposal.

12:30 - 2:00

Open Lunch.

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2:00 - 5:30

Work Session N°10

- Discussion of the Debate Regulations.

5:30 - 6:00

Conclusion.

6:00

Cocktail.



7^{ma} CONFERENCIA DE
ESPOSAS DE JEFES DE ESTADO
Y DE GOBIERNO DE LAS AMERICAS

15 de abril de 1997
Nota No. 0127

Honorable Señora
Hillary Rodham Clinton
Primera Dama de Estados Unidos
E. S. D.

Estimada señora Clinton:

Reciba usted un afectuoso saludo y los mejores deseos de renovados éxitos en las tareas que desempeña.

Manteniendo vivo nuestro mutuo interés por el desarrollo del continente americano y en calidad de Secretaría Pro-Témpore de la VII Conferencia de Esposas de Jefes de Estado y de Gobierno de las Américas, me dirijo a usted para invitarla a Panamá los días 3 y 4 de septiembre cuando celebraremos la Conferencia antes citada.

Bajo el título Construyamos el Futuro de América con Derechos Humanos y Cultura de Paz, le proponemos desarrollar los siguientes temas:

1. - Propuesta triagencial OPS-UNICEF-UNFPA
Escuela Siglo XXI
2. - Educación para los Derechos Humanos y la Cultura de Paz
UNESCO
3. - Integración de la Mujer Rural en Actividades Productivas y
Comercialización. IICA-CIM
4. - Erradicación del Trabajo Infantil
OIT

Debo señalar que de existir propuestas adicionales, éstas se podrán evaluar en la Reunión Técnica Preparatoria, donde se aprobará la Agenda Final.

Igualmente proponemos darle seguimiento a los temas tratados durante la VI Conferencia:

- 1.- Control de Sarampión
- 2.- Prevención de la Morbilidad Materna
- 3.- Prevención del Embarazo Precoz
- 4.- La América contra el Cáncer
- 5.- Violencia Intrafamiliar
- 6.- Participación de la mujer en los espacios de poder.

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Con el fin de trabajar en los temas antes expuestos hemos convocado la Reunión Técnica Preparatoria para los días 27, 28, 29 y 30 de mayo en Panamá. Por tal motivo, le solicitamos haga del conocimiento de su equipo técnico, la fecha y temática que se desarrollará en dicha reunión.

A su vez, le adjunto la propuesta del reglamento interno de la VII Conferencia, con el ánimo de que usted realice los comentarios de rigor para que el producto final sea consensuado, permitiendo un mayor dinamismo en nuestras reuniones.

Quedo con la confianza de contar con su presencia en esta tan importante Conferencia, donde una vez más las Primeras Damas y las delegadas oficiales aunaremos esfuerzos por un continente mejor.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para reiterarle mi estima y consideración.


Dora Boyd de Pérez Balladares
Primera Dama de la República de Panamá

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FREE TRASLATION

Panama, April 16th, 1997.

Honorable
Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady of the United States of America

Dear Hillary:

Please receive my warm regards and the best wishes of renewed success in the tasks you perform.

Keeping alive our mutual interest in the development of the American Continent, and as the Pro-Tempore Secretary of the Seventh Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas, I address you to invite you to convene in Panama on September 3rd and 4th, when we will be celebrating this Conference.

Under the title Let us Build the Future of America with Human Rights and Peace Culture, we propose the development of the following subjects for your consideration:

1. Trilateral Proposal : PAHO/UNICEF/UNFPA
"Twenty-first Century School"
2. -Education for Human Rights and Peace Culture: UNESCO
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4. Eradication of Children's Work: ILO

I must point out that if there are any additional proposals, these may be pondered during the Technical Preparatory Meeting, where the final agenda will be approved.

Likewise, we will follow up on the subjects addressed during the Sixth Conference:

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2. - Maternal Deaths
3. - Prevention of Teenage Pregnancy
4. - America Against Cancer
5. - Domestic Violence

In order to work on the aforementioned subjects, we have scheduled a Technical Meeting for May 28th, 29th and 30th in Panama. For this reason, we request that your technical team be informed of the date and themes to be developed in the said meeting.

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I avail myself of the opportunity to reiterate the assurances of my distinguished consideration.

Dora Boyd de Pérez Balladares
First Lady of the Republic

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Pro-Tempore Secretariat
7th Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas
Via Facsimile 227-46-40

FROM: Nicole Rabner
Technical Advisor to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

DATE: May 23, 1997

Enclosed please find my registration form for the preparatory meeting for the 7th Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas. I look forward to seeing you next week in Panama.

Don Cecil, W# Admin 65101
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From: Nicole Rabner
Office of the First Lady

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Comments: Great to speak w/ you!

Here ~~are~~ we go again.

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FREE TRASLATION

Panama, May 5th, 1997.

Mrs.
Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady of the Republic of the United States

Dear Hillary:

Please receive my warm regards and the best wishes of renewed success in the tasks you perform.

Keeping alive our mutual interest in the development of the American Continent, and as the Pro-Tempore Secretary of the Seventh Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas, I address you to invite you to convene in Panama on September 24 and 25, when we will be celebrating this Conference.

→ The date initially proposed has varied due to major causes. We Hope the now date is of your convenience.

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First Lady of the Republic

FREE TRANSLATION

PROPOSAL: DEBATE REGULATIONS. CONFERENCE OF WIVES OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAS

GENERAL DISPOSITIONS

Article 1 Participants

The delegations of the countries attending the Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government will be integrated by the Head of Delegation, Government Delegates, Technical Advisors and Guest Delegates.

Article 2 Types of Participants

The Heads of Delegation are defined as the First Ladies of each of the countries attending the Conference.

The Government Delegates are defined as those participants designated by the First Ladies and by the governments which do not have a First Lady, to be their representatives during the Conference. The rights of the Government Delegates are defined according to precedence order, and are not equal to those of the First Lady.

The Technical Advisors are defined as those members on the team of the First Lady who are responsible for coordinating the substantial aspects of the Conference.

The Guest Delegates are defined as the representatives of International or Non-Government Organizations.

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

- a) The First Lady, as Head of Delegation, has ten minutes to present her country's speech. The order will be defined alphabetically or in a lottery drawn during the Preparatory Meeting.
- b) The Pro-Tempore Secretariat may limit the alternate delegate's time during his/her intervention, in a period equal or shorter than that granted to the Head of Delegation.
- 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 country's speech and the conclusions of his/her delegation's work. However, the protocol rule of precedence on participation and deliberation rights prevails.

Article 6

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 speakers' list 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 represented by 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. Nevertheless, during the sessions these representatives will not have full voice and vote rights. These will be entitled only to the First Lady of each country, not to the alternate delegates.

Article 10 Voting Rights

The Head of Delegation 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 made in alphabetical order, according to the names of the countries.
- b) No debate or proposal can take place during the voting process. The name of the country will be called out here, and it may answer yes or no, or it may abstain.

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 speakers' 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 intervention during the Plenary may not take longer than three minutes.

Article 14**Consensus**

The Pro-Tempore Secretariat may propose that decisions be made by consensus in order to settle differences, without restricting the rights of the participating countries.

Article 15**Response Rights****a) During the sessions, the delegations may use the right to respond at the end of the Plenary, within the established time.****b) When exercising response rights, the interventions of each delegation will be limited to two per subject and may not exceed five minutes.**



EMBAJADA DE PANAMÁ

FAX TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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Nicole Radner

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FROM:

David Noble

REMARKS:

Attached is the translation I promised.
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TRANSITION

As you know, the Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas will hold their Seventh Conference in Panama this year. The Conference, titled "Building the Future of the Americas with Human Rights and a Peaceful Culture," plans to develop the following themes:

- ▶ A OPS-UNICEF-UNFPA proposal. XXI Century School.
- ▶ Education on Human Rights and a Peaceful Culture - UNESCO
- ▶ Integrating rural women in productive activities and commercialization - HCA-CIM
- ▶ Eradication of Working Minors - OIT (International Labor Organization)

We will be discussing the proposed agenda on May 27-30 during preparatory meetings for the Conference. Please notify us as soon as possible who will attend the meeting on the First Lady's behalf.

Pro-Tempore's Secretariat will provide double room accommodations at the conference hotel. We expect that the delegates' arrival and departure dates will be May 27 and May 31 respectively.

Thanks in advance for your prompt response.

Leonor Calderón

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MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

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TO: *Nicole*

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General Services Administration

April 23, 1997

MEMO FOR Nicole Rabner
Office of Mrs. Clinton
The White House

FROM Joe B. Johnson
Acting Deputy Chief of Mission
U.S. Embassy Panama

SUBJECT Spouses' Summit, Panama City

After our phone conversation, I received word that Panama is proposing September 29 - 30 for the Seventh Summit Meeting of Spouses of Chiefs of State and Government. An official letter of invitation went out to the First Lady from Mrs. Dora Boyd de Perez Balladares last week.

The letter also invited the First Lady's representative to an organizational meeting to be held in Panama City May 28 - 30. Alida de Lima (whom you met last year in Bolivia) is the person with whom I spoke at the Secretariat.

Alida tells me that the organizers will soon be holding a briefing for local ambassadors on administrative arrangements and agenda items, and will invite local ambassadors. At that time, the Embassy will be able to gather additional information.

I hope that this is helpful to you. You should also know our point of reference in Washington, the Central America desk at the State Department. Desk Officer David Noble is on 647-4161.

If you need additional information, please don't hesitate to call.

clear: Charge d'Affaires, Edward O'Donnell

cc David Noble, ARA/CEN

PROYECTO
REGLAMENTO DE LA PLENARIA
CONFERENCIA DE ESPOSAS DE JEFES DE ESTADO
Y DE GOBIERNO DE LAS AMERICAS

DISPOSICIONES GENERALES

Artículo 1.

Participantes

Las delegaciones de los países participantes en la Conferencia de Esposas de Jefes de Estado y de Gobierno estarán integradas por la Jefe de Delegación, Delegadas Gubernamentales, Asesoras Técnicas y Delegados Invitados.

Artículo 2

Del Tipo de Participantes

Se define como Jefe de Delegación a las Primeras Damas de los respectivos países que asisten a la Conferencia.

Se define como Delegada Gubernamental, aquellas representantes designadas por los gobiernos donde no hay Primera Dama. La Delegada Gubernamental tiene derechos definidos de acuerdo al orden de precedencia, pero no iguales a los de la Primera Dama.

Se define como Asesora Técnica, la persona que dentro del equipo de trabajo de la Primera Dama, tiene la responsabilidad de coordinar los aspectos sustantivos de la Conferencia.

Se define como Delegado Invitado a los representantes de los organismos internacionales y a los representantes de las organizaciones no gubernamentales.

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Parágrafo: La Delegada Gubernamental, la Asesora Técnica y la Delegada Invitada son representantes alternas y están sujetas a la precedencia protocolar.

DEL DESARROLLO DE LA CONFERENCIA

Artículo 3

Uso de la palabra

Ninguna representante alterna podrá tomar la palabra en la Reunión Plenaria sin la autorización previa de la Secretaría Pro-Témpore.

La Secretaría Pro-Témpore concederá la palabra a las oradoras en el orden en que haya sido preestablecido en fecha previa a la reunión. La Secretaría Pro-Témpore podrá llamar al orden a una oradora cuando sus observaciones no sean pertinentes al tema que se este discutiendo.

Artículo 4

Limitación en el uso de la palabra

a) La Primera Dama como Jefe de Delegación, dispondrá de 10 minutos para presentar su discurso de país. El orden de presentación se definirá según el orden alfabético o por sorteo efectuado durante la Reunión Técnica.

b) La Secretaría Pro-Témpore podrá limitar la duración de las intervenciones de una representante alterna, en tiempo igual o menor que el dispuesto para la Jefe de Delegación.

c) El número de intervenciones de cada representante alterna sobre un mismo asunto se limitan a dos. Antes de que se adopte una decisión, podrán hacer uso de la palabra dos oradoras a favor y dos en contra de una propuesta para fijar tales límites.

Artículo 5

Precedencia

Podrá darse precedencia a la Delegada Gubernamental para que exponga el discurso de país y las conclusiones de trabajo de delegación. No obstante, se mantiene la norma protocolar de precedencia para los efectos del derecho de participación y deliberación.

Artículo 6

Limitación del tiempo de uso de la palabra

a) La Secretaría Pro-Témpore podrá limitar la duración de las intervenciones de cada orador y el número de intervenciones de cada representante sobre un mismo asunto, de conformidad con la precedencia protocolar.

b) En el curso de un debate, la Secretaría Pro-Témpore podrá dar lectura a la lista de las oradoras y declarar cerrada la lista. Sin embargo, se podrá otorgar a la Jefe de Delegación derecho a contestar si un discurso pronunciado después de cerrada la lista lo hace aconsejable.

Artículo 7

Propuestas y enmiendas

Las propuestas y las enmiendas deberán ser presentadas por escrito a la Secretaría Pro-Témpore, quien distribuirá copia de ellas a las delegaciones.

Artículo 8

Representación de las delegaciones

Cada delegación podrá estar representada por una Jefe de Delegación, una Delegada Gubernamental o una Asesora Técnica... en las reuniones plenarias. La participación de la representante de delegación está sujeta a la precedencia protocolar.

Artículo 9

Designación de representación alterna

Por designación del jefe de la delegación correspondiente, los (consejeros, asesores técnicos, expertos o personas de categoría similar) podrán actuar como miembros de las comisiones. Sin embargo, las personas de esta categoría no podrán actuar dentro de las sesiones con plenos derechos a voz y voto, lo cual solo corresponderá a la Primera Dama del país respectivo, no al representante alterno.

Artículo 10

Derecho de voto

Tendrá derecho de voto sobre la Declaración Final y el Plan de Acción, la Jefe de Delegación, conforme la precedencia protocolar.

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a) Duración de la Plenaria

La Plenaria no deberá exceder de tres horas.

b) Cierre de la lista de oradoras

La organización del debate exige que la lista de oradoras que quieren participar, se cierre dos semanas antes de la Conferencia.

c) Duración de las intervenciones

El tiempo de las intervenciones programadas no debe de exceder los 15 minutos. Las intervenciones espontáneas dentro de la plenaria no deben superar el tiempo asignado a las intervenciones programadas. Como norma se establece un tiempo de 3 minutos.

Artículo 14

Consenso

La Secretaría Pro-Témpore podrá proponer la adopción de decisiones por consenso con el fin de resolver las diferencias, sin restringir el derecho de los países participantes.

Artículo 15

Derecho a contestar

a) En las sesiones, las delegaciones harán uso del derecho de contestar al final de la Plenaria, dentro del tiempo estipulado.

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b) El número de intervenciones de cada delegación en ejercicio del derecho a contestar en una misma sesión se limitará a dos por tema.

DISPOSICIONES FINALES

Artículo 16

De los beneficios

Todos los países de la región que manifiesten su interés y adhesión a los programas que se proponen y entran en ejecución dentro del contexto de la Declaración Final de la Conferencia de Esposas de Jefes de Estado y de Gobierno de las Américas, recibirán los beneficios de los mismos

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 27, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR DAWN CHIRWA
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL

FROM: NICOLE RABNER

RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR OUTSIDE EXPENSE
RELATED TO OFFICIAL TRAVEL

Attached please find an authorization request for travel expenses to be covered by an outside source, for travel which I will begin today. I regret that the submission is so late, but I was informed that this form was necessary (after being told that it was not) by the Office of Administration on Friday evening, May 25, 1997.

I am traveling today to Panama City to represent the First Lady at a preparatory meeting for the 7th Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas, which Mrs. Clinton will likely attend in the fall. The preparatory meeting serves to develop the Conference themes and agenda, as well as to discuss the Conference declaration. Mrs. Clinton attended the 5th and 6th of these annual Conferences, in Paraguay and Bolivia, respectively, and I represented her at the preparatory meetings for each of these Conferences.

It is customary for the host country to pay for the hotel expenses for one member of each participating country's delegation. In Paraguay and in Bolivia, my hotel expenses were paid by the host country, which I was advised by the State Department both here and at our Embassies was appropriate to accept (in fact, inappropriate not to accept). I was similarly advised that it is now appropriate to accept the gift from the Government of Panama for this upcoming Conference.

Please let me know as soon as possible if this request is approved. Thank you.

Nicole:

- No need for outside source - sorry about the confusion. Since all ~~to~~ expenses will be incurred outside of the U.S. and the foreign government is not paying for travel to the country, it is appropriate for you to accept their offer to pay hotel expenses. - EAC - 5/27/97



TRAVEL EXPENSES FROM OUTSIDE SOURCE

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

In order to consider whether the Government may accept from an outside source payment of your travel, subsistence and related expenses under the GSA travel rule or 5 C.F.R. 2635.204(f), you must complete the information below. You must submit this form and related documentation and receive approval PRIOR to commencement of travel. Failure to receive PRIOR approval may result in you having to pay the travel expenses yourself. The outside source need not be a 501(c)(3) organization, but if it is, please state so on this form and include the IRS determination letter.

Please include a copy of the letter of invitation.

CONTACT PERSON: Nicole Rabner

PHONE NUMBER: 67263

DATE OF REQUEST: 5/27/97

Your Name and Position:

Nicole Rabner, Associate Director for Domestic Policy

Nature of Meeting or Event:

☒ Official

☐ Political

Meeting or Event Description and HOW IT RELATES TO YOUR OFFICIAL OR POLITICAL DUTIES: To represent the First Lady at a Preparatory meeting of the 7th Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas, which the First Lady ~~was~~ will likely attend in the fall, 1997 in Panama City, Panama

Dates of Travel: 5/27/97 - 5/30/97 Destination(s): Panama City, Panama

Persons or Entity Making The Payment (please also note any financial interests of the person or entity known to you that may be affected by the exercise of your Government responsibilities):

The Government of Panama

Contact at Organization Making the Payment: Leonor Calderon, Conference Coordinator

Address of Organization: Office of the First Lady of the Republic of Panama
Panama City, Panama

Phone: 507/227-4640

Expense:	Amount:	Method:
Transportation (specify): <u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	☐ In Kind ☐ Reimbursable ☐ Other (Political Only) <u>—</u>
Lodging: <u>Riande Continental Hotel</u>	<u>3 nights</u>	☒ In Kind ☐ Reimbursable ☐ Other (Political Only) <u>—</u>
Meals: <u>Luncheon at the Presidential Palace</u>		☒ In Kind ☐ Reimbursable ☐ Other (Political Only) <u>—</u>
Misc. (specify):		☐ In Kind ☐ Reimbursable ☐ Other (Political Only) <u>—</u>

*Payment may be made either in-kind or by check made payable to the U.S. Treasury; you may not directly receive payment by either cash or a check made out to you.

This form and any accompanying memorandum of approval must be attached to your travel authorization. You MUST complete a travel voucher listing all expenses (regardless of payment method) following the trip.

Please send this form to the Counsel's Office (Room 128, OE0B) at least three (3) days before commencement of travel

TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNSEL'S OFFICE

☐ Approved

☐ Disapproved

Pursuant to: ☐ 31 U.S.C. 51353

☐ 5 C.F.R. 2635.204(f)

Counsel's Signature

Date

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**Office of Central American Affairs****Washington, D.C. 20523-0058****Date:****FACSIMILE COVER SHEET**

TO: Nicole Rabner
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FAX NO.: 456-2878

FROM: Liliana Ayalde

FAX NO.: (202) 647-0102

SUBJECT: Panama

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COMMENTS:

Attached is the translation from Andrea Fyi. We still don't have the Spanish final to make sure it matches so won't do anything on this yet.

Call if you need me!

Liliana

Canadian Embassy



Ambassade du Canada

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If there is any problem upon receipt of this fax, please call (507)264-9731
S'il y a des problèmes à la réception de cette télécopie, prière d'appeler:

To/À: Nicole Rabner/Liliana Ayalde/
Madeline Williams From/De: Andrea Baldwin
Canadian Embassy

City/Ville: WASHINGTON City/Ville: PANAMA
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COMMENTS/COMMENTAIRES:

Subject: QRGR1200-English Declaration

I hope that your trip back to Washington went smoothly!

Please find attached a copy of our suggestions for the English declaration for the Conference. I have translated additional information, as it appears in the Spanish declaration which we received at noon on Friday, and made several other changes. Please feel free to edit.... My Ambassador is leaving at the end of the week for Canada, so I would like to have a "final" copy ready for her to take if possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (507)264-7115 or 264-9731 or by fax at (507)263-8083.

Sincerely,

Andrea Baldwin

VII CONFERENCE OF WIVES OF HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAS

PANAMA DECLARATION
(DRAFT)

The First Ladies of the Americas, and the designated representatives on behalf of the Governments of _____, gathered in Panama from _____, 1997, under the theme "Let us Build the Future of the Americas with Human Rights and a Culture of Peace", to evaluate achievements attained and renew our commitment to address the social problems in our Continent, agree to subscribe to the following Declaration:

1. We acknowledge that our countries face similar social problems and that their solutions demand the participation and commitment of all sectors of society.

2. We firmly believe that the promotion of and respect for human rights, the attainment of equity and the strengthening of values such as solidarity, tolerance, a culture of peace, respect for pluralism and diversity, and the right for self determination of nations, are fundamental conditions for development and integration in a community of nations.

3. We recognize the existence of segments of our populations that are highly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of poverty, unemployment and social disintegration. Among these, children, youth, women, the elderly and the disabled require programs and policies to facilitate their full integration into the process and benefits of development.

4. We reiterate our willingness to be negotiators, mobilizers, facilitators or convenors for programs and social policies serving our societies, focusing on vulnerable groups, in accordance with our respective national interests and inspired by dialogue, negotiation and mutual respect.

5. We adopt as a frame of reference and orientation the recommendations and decisions supported by our Governments at the World Summit on Children (1990); the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (1992); the World Conference on Human Rights (1993); the International Conference on Population and Development (1994); the Summit of the Americas (1994); the World Summit on Social Development (1995); the IV World Conference on Women (1995); the World Summit on Food (1996); and the Geneva Convention.

6. Acknowledging the accelerated changes happening in the world today, we call for the improvement of the accessibility to and quality of education, training, information and technology aimed at providing our populations with the necessary tools to successfully assume the responsibility of contributing to the development of their communities.

7. We reiterate our commitment to continue supporting the execution of our agreements on:

- education and training of women and girls
- the health of women and children
- domestic violence
- participation of women in positions of power and the decision-making process
- the rights of children and youth

8. We value the work done by the countries of the Continent to promote campaigns to protect children from measles and we reiterate our commitment to continue to support them.

9. We continue to be deeply concerned about the persistence of poverty and inequality amongst the rural women of the Americas; and as a matter of urgent priority we must make an effort to outline prompt actions to strengthen the integration of rural women in commercial and productive activities. We expect that all international, regional and private sectors will feel obligated to provide access to technical and economic support for initiatives in this area.

10. We consider that the training of children and youth must include the development of knowledge, abilities and a sense of responsibility to care integrally for their health, to guarantee and promote their rights and to foster the coexistence, non-discrimination, equality and the resolution of gender conflicts through dialogue, communication, negotiation and mutual respect.

11. We commit our efforts to promote the eradication of child labour, especially in its most intolerable forms, realized in conditions of servitude; forced, dangerous and unhealthy work; prostitution; and which impede on the education and the integral and harmonic development of the children of our countries, and we raise the consideration of declaring an International Year to promote the eradication of Child Labour.

12. We recognize the need for all countries to adopt the necessary measures to comply specifically with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and to confront with urgency the elimination of the traffic of children for the sale of their organs, child pornography and prostitution that irreparably cripple and damage a child's body and mind.

13. We invite all Countries who otherwise have not, to ratify the Convention for the Elimination of all forms of discrimination against Women, known as the Convention of Belem Do Pará.

14. We support initiatives which promote human rights, to build the foundation for a true culture of peace and development.

15. We acknowledge the valuable participation and contribution of the international agencies and financial institutions that have supported our initiatives, making possible the execution of projects destined to benefit the most needy and vulnerable sectors of our societies.

16. We are grateful for and accept the kind offer of the First Lady of Chile to host the VIII Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas in 1998, and to the First Lady of _____, for offering to host the IX Conference.

17. We thank the First Lady of Panama, Dora Boyd de Pérez Balladares, as well as the people and Government of Panama for the kind attention we received during our visit.

18. Signed in the City of Panama in two original versions, Spanish and English, on the _____, 1997.