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**SEXTA CONFERENCIA DE ESPOSAS DE JEFES DE ESTADO Y DE
GOBIERNO DE LAS AMÉRICAS**

PROYECTO DE DECLARACIÓN DE LA PAZ

LAS ESPOSAS DE JEFES DE ESTADO Y DE GOBIERNO, Y LAS REPRESENTANTES DE GOBIERNOS DE LAS AMÉRICAS, REUNIDAS EN LA CIUDAD DE LA PAZ, ENTRE EL 3 Y EL 6 DE DICIEMBRE DE 1996, CON EL PROPÓSITO DE ANALIZAR "LOS DERECHOS DE LA MUJER Y LA NIÑEZ EN EL MARCO DEL DESARROLLO HUMANO SOSTENIBLE", INSPIRADAS EN EL DIÁLOGO, LA SOLIDARIDAD Y EL RESPETO MUTUO, SUSCRIBIMOS LA SIGUIENTE DECLARACIÓN DE PRINCIPIOS:

1. RECONOCEMOS QUE LOS SUJETOS DE LAS POLÍTICAS SOCIALES DEBEN PARTICIPAR DE MANERA ORGANIZADA Y ACTIVA EN LA PLANIFICACIÓN, IMPLEMENTACIÓN Y FISCALIZACIÓN DE LAS ACTIVIDADES ECONÓMICA, POLÍTICA Y SOCIAL, PARA LOGRAR QUE TODOS PUEDAN DESARROLLAR AL MÁXIMO SUS POTENCIALIDADES Y ASEGURAR EL DERECHO DE LAS PERSONAS A RECIBIR UNA ATENCIÓN ADECUADA, QUE INCLUYA NUTRICIÓN, VIVIENDA, SALUD, EDUCACIÓN, EMPLEO Y RECREACIÓN.
2. CONSTATAMOS, SIN EMBARGO, QUE EN NUESTRO CONTINENTE EXISTEN BARRERAS PARA QUE LOS SECTORES MÁS VULNERABLES DE LA POBLACIÓN, ESPECIALMENTE LA MUJER Y LA NIÑEZ, ALCANCEN A DESARROLLAR SU POTENCIAL POR COMPLETO Y PUEDAN EJERCER SUS DERECHOS.
3. CREEMOS QUE PARA ALCANZAR LOS RETOS DEL DESARROLLO HUMANO SOSTENIBLE, LOS GOBIERNOS Y LAS SOCIEDADES CIVILES DEBEMOS TRABAJAR EN FORMA RESPONSABLE Y SOLIDARIA, PROMOVRIENDO CONDICIONES DE OPORTUNIDAD Y EQUIDAD QUE PERMITAN DESARROLLAR CAPACIDADES, MODOS DE ORGANIZACIÓN Y PARTICIPAR EN LOS PROCESOS DE TOMA DE DECISIONES.
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5. **REAFIRMAMOS NUESTRO COMPROMISO PARA LA PROMOCIÓN Y APOYO A LAS POLÍTICAS Y ESTRATEGIAS DE DESARROLLO HUMANO SOSTENIBLE QUE BUSQUEN LA COMPLETA Y JUSTA PARTICIPACIÓN DE LOS SECTORES SOCIALES MÁS VULNERABLES.**
6. **OFRECEMOS NUESTRA CAPACIDAD DE GESTIÓN Y MOVILIZACIÓN PARA CONTINUAR CUMPLIENDO LOS COMPROMISOS ASUMIDOS POR NOSOTRAS, DE ACUERDO CON LOS INTERESES NACIONALES DE CADA PAÍS, EN LOS ENCUENTROS DE VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, SANTA LUCÍA Y PARAGUAY; ASÍ COMO PARA IMPLEMENTAR LAS RECOMENDACIONES Y DECISIONES ADOPTADAS EN LA CUMBRE MUNDIAL SOBRE LA INFANCIA REALIZADA EN NUEVA YORK EN SEPTIEMBRE DE 1990; LA CONFERENCIA DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS SOBRE MEDIO AMBIENTE Y DESARROLLO, REALIZADA EN RÍO DE JANEIRO EN JUNIO DE 1992; LA CONFERENCIA MUNDIAL SOBRE DERECHOS HUMANOS REALIZADA EN VIENA EN JUNIO DE 1993; LA CONFERENCIA INTERNACIONAL SOBRE POBLACIÓN Y DESARROLLO LLEVADA A CABO EN EL CAIRO EN SEPTIEMBRE DE 1994; LA CUMBRE SOBRE DESARROLLO SOCIAL REALIZADA EN COPENHAGUE EN MARZO DE 1995; LA IV CONFERENCIA MUNDIAL SOBRE LA MUJER REALIZADA EN BEIJING EN SEPTIEMBRE DE 1995; Y EN LA CUMBRE DE LAS AMÉRICAS REALIZADA EN MIAMI, EN RELACIÓN A LOS PRINCIPIOS DEL DESARROLLO HUMANO SOSTENIBLE Y AQUELLOS EXPRESADOS EN LA AGENDA 21, EN LO QUE CONCIERNE A LA MUJER Y LA NIÑEZ.**
7. **COMPROMETEMOS NUESTRO FIRME RESPALDO A LAS POLÍTICAS Y ESTRATEGIAS SOCIALES COHERENTES Y EFECTIVAS QUE IMPULSAN LOS GOBIERNOS DEL HEMISFERIO, EN ARAS DE ALCANZAR EL DESARROLLO HUMANO SOSTENIBLE.**
8. **DESTACAMOS QUE LA RIQUEZA ÉTNICA Y CULTURAL DE NUESTRAS SOCIEDADES ES UN FACTOR ESENCIAL QUE DEBE SER CONSIDERADO EN LA FORMULACIÓN Y APLICACIÓN DE POLÍTICAS Y ESTRATEGIAS DIRIGIDAS A LA MUJER Y LA NIÑEZ, EN UN CLIMA DE CONVIVENCIA, PAZ, EQUIDAD, PLURALISMO Y DIVERSIDAD.**
9. **REAFIRMAMOS NUESTRO COMPROMISO DE AUNAR ESFUERZOS, COORDINAR ACCIONES Y COMPARTIR Y EXPERIENCIAS CON EL FIN DE FORTALECER LA COOPERACIÓN E INTEGRACIÓN DE TODOS LOS PAÍSES DEL CONTINENTE.**

10. **RECONOCEMOS LA IMPORTANCIA DE LA SALUD EN NUESTRAS POBLACIONES, PARTICULARMENTE DE LA MUJER, PARA LOGRAR SU PLENA PARTICIPACIÓN EN LA VIDA ECONÓMICA, POLÍTICA Y SOCIAL DE NUESTRAS SOCIEDADES, POR LO CUAL DEDICAMOS NUESTROS ESFUERZOS A RESPALDAR LOS PROGRAMAS DESTINADOS A RESOLVER LOS PROBLEMAS CRÍTICOS DE SALUD EN LAS AMÉRICAS.**
11. **REITERAMOS NUESTRO APOYO A LA IMPLEMENTACIÓN DE PROGRAMAS PARA REDUCIR LA MORTALIDAD MATERNA, INCLUYENDO EL ACCESO AL CONTROL PRENATAL Y ATENCIÓN DEL PARTO POR PERSONAS CAPACITADAS, EL DESARROLLO DE SERVICIOS CON CAPACIDAD DE RESOLUCIÓN DE LAS EMERGENCIAS OBSTÉTRICAS, LA EDUCACIÓN SEXUAL SOBRE SALUD REPRODUCTIVA (SALUD FAMILIAR RESPONSABLE)*, EL DESARROLLO DE SERVICIOS DE PLANIFICACIÓN FAMILIAR VOLUNTARIA ACCESIBLES Y DE CALIDAD PUESTOS A DISPOSICIÓN DE LAS PAREJAS. ASIMISMO, REAFIRMAMOS NUESTRO COMPROMISO PARA MEJORAR LA CALIDAD EN LA ATENCIÓN DE LA SALUD DE LA MUJER EN TODOS LOS NIVELES DEL SISTEMA DE ATENCIÓN Y DURANTE TODAS LAS ETAPAS DE SU VIDA.**
12. **REAFFIRMAMOS NUESTRO COMPROMISO PARA MOVILIZAR LOS ESFUERZOS NACIONALES PARA PROTEGER A LA NIÑEZ DEL SARAMPION, ELIMINANDO ESTA ENFERMEDAD DE LAS AMÉRICAS. APLAUDIMOS EL ESFUERZO Y EL ÉXITO OBTENIDO POR TODOS NUESTROS PAÍSES EN LA LUCHA CONTRA ESTA ENFERMEDAD Y TODAS AQUELLAS PREVENIBLES POR INMUNIZACIÓN, Y CONTINUAREMOS APOYANDO ACCIONES PARA QUE LAS ELEVADAS COBERTURAS DE VACUNACIÓN SEAN MANTENIDAS Y QUE LA META DE LA ELIMINACIÓN DEL SARAMPION PARA EL AÑO 2.000 SE CUMPLA.**
13. **ALENTAMOS Y APOYAMOS LA IMPLEMENTACIÓN DEL PROYECTO REGIONAL DESTINADO A REDUCIR LA DESNUTRICIÓN POR DEFICIENCIA DE MICRONUTRIENTES EN EL HEMISFERIO, EN CONSIDERACIÓN A LOS ALTOS ÍNDICES DE ANEMIA Y SUS GRAVES CONSECUENCIAS EN LA NIÑEZ Y LA MUJER.**
14. **DESTACAMOS EL ROL FUNDAMENTAL QUE JUEGA LA EDUCACIÓN Y LA CAPACITACIÓN PARA QUE LAS PERSONAS PUEDAN DESARROLLAR SUS POTENCIALIDADES, AMPLIANDO SU ESPECTRO DE OPORTUNIDADES, PROMOVRIENDO SU CREATIVIDAD, MEJORANDO SUS INGRESOS, PROMOVRIENDO SU ADAPTACIÓN A LOS CAMBIOS TECNOLÓGICOS, A FIN DE ELEVAR LA CONDICIÓN DE LA MUJER.**

* Guatemala solicita reemplazar el término "salud reproductiva" por "salud familiar responsable", de acuerdo a su legislación.

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21. **AGRADECEMOS A LA PRIMERA DAMA DE BOLIVIA Y, POR SU MEDIO, AL PUEBLO Y GOBIERNO DE ESTE PAÍS POR LA CÁLIDA HOSPITALIDAD Y LAS FINAS ATENCIONES RECIBIDAS.**

22. **FIRMADA EN LA CIUDAD DE LA PAZ, BOLIVIA, EN DOS ORIGINALES ESPAÑOL E INGLÉS, A LOS SEIS DÍAS DEL MES DE DICIEMBRE DE MIL NOVECIENTOS NOVENTA Y SEIS.**

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Mrs. Patricia Bird
Antigua and Barbuda

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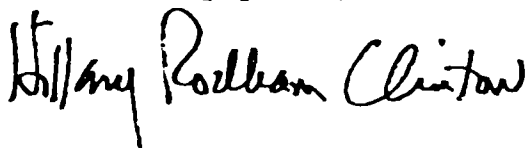
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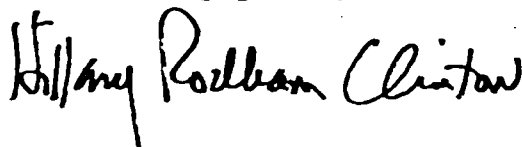
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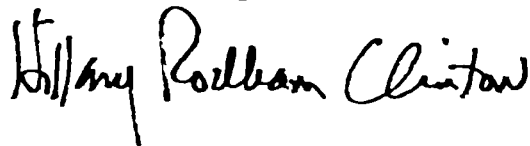
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 24, 1995

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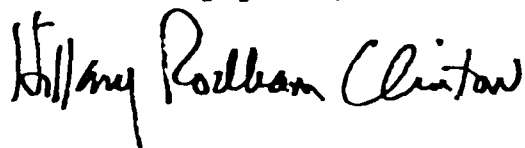
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DHHS Report

**Implementation of the Plan of Action from the
1994 Summit of the Americas**

In the United States, implementation of the section of the Plan of Action agreed upon at the 1994 Summit of the Americas which reads, "undertake all measures necessary to guarantee the rights of children", has been addressed by federal agencies in a number of ways. Inclusive in the definition of "guaranteeing the rights of children" is ensuring their healthy development and well-being. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is pursuing a strategy to accomplish these goals.

Under the leadership of Secretary Donna E. Shalala, this multifaceted strategy is a commitment to investing in *Strong Foundations* -- the building blocks of success for children and families -- and *Safe Passages* -- the tools for navigating the transition from childhood to adulthood. HHS is committed to ensuring that families and communities are stable, resourceful and self-sufficient. HHS believes this is the smart thing to do -- and the right thing to do. All young Americans deserve the chance to enjoy childhood and develop their full potential.

In an era of zero growth across the federal budget, HHS has increased investments in several high priority areas. For example, since 1993, funding for Head Start has increased 27%, pre-school immunizations 27%, and child care 19%.

But the HHS children's strategy goes well beyond these targeted funding increases. HHS has created and is implementing tough new quality standards for many of its services. HHS continues to break down bureaucratic barriers. It is building new partnerships with the public and private sectors. It is empowering families, communities, and states to solve their own problems. HHS has expanded services for children and families.

HHS Has an On-Going Commitment to Welfare Reform and Health Care Reform

HHS' children's strategy can be seen in the Administration's commitment to welfare reform: putting recipients to work, enhancing the incomes of poor working families, preserving the safety net for children, promoting parental responsibility, and preventing teenage pregnancy. The Department is working closely with Congress to achieve real welfare reform, but is also forging ahead.

The children's strategy also is reflected in the Department's ongoing commitment to health care reform: expanding insurance coverage for working Americans, increasing choice of health care plans, and protecting vulnerable populations. The President's FY 1996 Balanced Budget Plan included a proposal for incremental reform to expand private health coverage to up to 40 million Americans -- including millions of children, many of whom were previously uninsured. Through Department-approved health reform waivers, states also have extended Medicaid eligibility to an additional 1.1 million people. HHS will also continue critical health services research identifying what works, focusing on healthy outcomes and collaborating to develop science-based guidelines for care.

The children's strategy reflects HHS' significant cross-cutting efforts to strengthen the way that the Department's resources are used for children. It provides a record of some of its achievements and a blueprint for where HHS plans to go in the future. The children's strategy highlights two themes -- two interwoven values -- defined by Secretary Shalala as central to the HHS mission: Strong Foundations and Safe Passages. The strong foundations of a healthy childhood, supportive families, and vibrant communities help children succeed. Equally critical are the supports needed to ensure safe passage through the often turbulent journey from childhood to adulthood. Following are highlights of some of HHS' cutting-edge priorities and the key continuing investments that support strong foundations and safe passages for our nation's children and youth.

Building Strong Foundations for Our Children

Strong starts in life are dependent on a child's physical and mental well-being and on the support of a stable, safe family and community environment. We know that all children benefit when their parents model healthy behaviors, know and use good parenting skills and have economic opportunities. We know that we can reap enormous benefits by intervening before health or mental health problems start or worsen. Research also tells us that it saves money in the long run to invest in efforts to reduce infant mortality and to prevent illness and disability. That is why HHS strongly emphasizes both early childhood health and development and family and community stability. HHS has many success stories and plans to continue and expand its efforts in the years to come.

Example: Head Start. The President has proposed a \$1.5 billion funding increase for Head Start over the next seven years, from \$3.5 billion in FY 1995 to \$5 billion in FY 2002, to serve 50,000 more children and make critical quality improvements. From 1992 to 1995, services were expanded to 132,000 children. Communities were able to

enroll 20,000 more children in the full-day, full-year program. HHS created Early Head Start, a comprehensive infant and toddler initiative, first funded in FY 1995, that will serve more than 19,000 children, ages 0 - 3, in its first year. HHS has increased the average Head Start teacher's salary by \$2,400 to \$16,700.

Example: The Childhood Immunization Initiative (CII). The CII, HHS' boldest infant and toddler immunization initiative ever, addresses all the barriers that prevent children from receiving their shots. HHS is rebuilding the country's immunization services system, catalyzing the Department's partners in the public and private sectors, researching new vaccines, improving monitoring systems, and educating parents and doctors about proper immunization. Immunization rates are now at their highest levels in history -- and climbing. And the number of cases of vaccine preventable diseases are at all-time lows.

Example: Bright Futures. The Bright Futures project, a joint endeavor of the Medicaid Bureau and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, has issued new guidelines which bring together state-of-the-art thinking on what children need to be healthy and offer a vision for child health well into the 21st century. Bright Futures responds to the current and emerging preventive and health promotion needs of children and adolescents. The guidelines stress the importance of family and community support for good health.

Example: Family Preservation and Support. This Administration initiative, signed into law by the President in 1993, is enabling states and communities to protect the safety of children and all family members, to address the causes of family stress, to promote responsible parenting, and to bring together the services families need. An unprecedented collaboration within HHS, The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, has also enabled the Department to develop new and innovative projects to enhance family preservation and support.

Example: Child Care. Child Care is one of the keys to welfare reform. Working parents, regardless of income, rely on safe and healthy child care to meet their responsibilities as employees and as parents. HHS has streamlined operations and proposed new changes to give states more flexibility to invest in quality. And the Department has launched a national campaign, "Healthy Child Care America," to promote sound health and early childhood development practices in child care settings.

Example: Services for Substance Abusing Pregnant Women and Women with Children. Improving birth outcomes, reducing the number of infants born affected by alcohol and other drugs, and breaking the inter-generational cycle of addiction by providing substance abuse prevention and treatment services is one way to build strong foundations for America's children. A consistent outcome of these services is that the majority of children are born drug-free and without complications.

Example: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. In the first year of life, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is a leading cause of death; some 6,000 U.S. babies die each year from SIDS. Last year, the Department, in conjunction with the American Academy of Pediatrics and others, initiated a nationwide "Back to Sleep" campaign to persuade parents and other caregivers of newborns to place healthy babies on their back or side to sleep to help reduce the risk of SIDS. In other countries, the rate of SIDS has dropped 50% or more after similar public education campaigns. Preliminary reports from around the U.S., such as in Maryland, indicate that SIDS rates may have dropped within the past year.

Example: Child Mental Health Media Campaign. Improving the public's understanding that the mental health of every child is as important as physical health is the thrust of a four-year national public education effort. CARING FOR EVERY CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH; COMMUNITIES TOGETHER will help increase public and private support for integrated and community-based systems of care, increase awareness about the issue and decrease stigma.

Example: Benefits of AZT Therapy for HIV-Infected Pregnant Women and Their Newborns. The National Institutes of Health found that pregnant women can reduce the chances of transmitting HIV to their babies by as much as two-thirds with AZT therapy. This is an unprecedented breakthrough in HIV prevention. Building on this finding, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has developed recommendations for routine HIV counseling and voluntary testing of all pregnant women. The Health Resources and Services Administration has developed implementation guidelines for clinical settings. Adoption of these recommendations as a standard of obstetric care will enable HIV infected pregnant women to receive earlier treatment and thereby reduce their risk of transmitting the HIV virus to their babies.

Example: Early Intervention. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), with the Health Resources and Services Administration and the ACF will implement a new early intervention demonstration program:

"Starting Early - Starting Smart." Projects in this initiative will strive to learn how best to provide comprehensive health, mental health and social services to young children and their families.

Example: Child abuse prevention. As demands on the child welfare system to protect abused and neglected children increase, the Children's Bureau in ACF will support innovative programs to promote children's healthy development by preventing and treating the effects of child abuse and neglect. The Department is proposing to combine funding for child welfare training, child welfare research and development, adoption opportunities, and child abuse discretionary activities into an expanded innovation authority. The Children Bureau also plans to expand the Community-Based Family Resource Program helps states prevent child abuse through coordinated networks of family support programs.

Example: Children's health research initiative. The Agency for Health Care Policy and Research is promoting the development of better science to inform clinical practice and policy-making, and to ensure healthy outcomes for mothers and babies. This effort includes medical effectiveness and outcomes research as well as research and demonstration efforts on managed care for children.

Example: Child Support Enforcement. Child support enforcement is about assuring decent standards of living for millions of Americans who lose their economic footing after being left alone -- often unexpectedly -- to raise a family. HHS has made major gains in this area -- increasing collections by 12% from 1992 to 1993 and by 11% from 1993 to 1994. 36,000 more paternities were established in 1994 than in 1993.

Building strong foundations through these and other initiatives, lays the groundwork for the critical journey through adolescence.

Ensuring Safe Passages for Our Youth

Adolescence is a time of learning and sometimes difficult growth. In the last 10-15 years, teenage Americans have encountered ever-more dangerous pitfalls on the path to young adulthood. Violence, substance abuse, tobacco addiction, teenage pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, and sexually transmitted diseases, all threaten to derail promising futures. Many parents fear and are frustrated by the risks they perceive their children to face outside the home. That is why HHS is taking bold strides to launch and coordinate a wide array of activities designed to ensure safe passages.

Ensuring safe passages means: 1) funding needed services like drug abuse prevention, youth development, health education, and teenage pregnancy prevention; 2) catalyzing partners (including families, communities and the public and private sectors) to work together in support of youth; 3) offering training and technical assistance to communities so they can provide a wide range of opportunities for youth; 4) funding the research and evaluations necessary for sound youth policies; and 5) pursuing effective communications strategies to give young people and their families the facts they need to make wise choices. HHS is working to achieve these goals -- we are focusing our efforts in critical areas and moving boldly forward.

Example: Comprehensive Services Demonstrations to Reduce Teenage Pregnancy Prevention. The Secretary is initiating a cross-Departmental effort to address the rise in teen births. The initiative will primarily utilize waiver authority and program flexibility within the Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Medicaid programs. It is intended that 50 community sites, one per state, would participate. Comprehensive strategies, including multiple services and supports, would be required and evaluation would be funded.

Example: President Clinton's Tobacco Initiative. In August, 1995, President Clinton took the strongest steps in history to prevent young people from becoming addicted to smoking. The changes he supports include banning vending machine sales and free cigarette samples, banning outdoor advertising near schools and playgrounds, and limiting advertisements seen by children to black and white lettering only. The Department's goal is to reduce children's and adolescents' smoking by 50% within seven years of the initiative's beginning.

Example: Community Schools. Community schools are safe places for young people to go after school and on weekends to engage in healthy, productive activities such as tutoring, workforce preparation, cultural activities, health programs, and social activities. The Community Schools Program forges partnerships at the community level to provide safe passages for young people.

Example: Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities. 105 distressed communities were chosen to receive grants to improve job opportunities, housing, transportation, and social and health services. For youth in these communities, this means safer streets, improved schooling, better health care, and real work opportunities. This represents a new national model for public-private collaboration and community revitalization.

Example: Mental Health Services for Children. Recognizing the importance of community-based mental health services for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families, as well as the persistent shortage of these services in communities around the country, HHS and the Congress have emphasized the importance of the Child Mental Health Services Program grants.

Example: Substance Abuse Prevention. Recent research tells us that substance abuse among youth is on the rise, making the need for prevention services greater than ever before. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's High Risk Youth Program supports effective models that demonstrate and evaluate comprehensive strategies to prevent or reduce substance use and abuse among high-risk youth. Component projects support prevention programs for adolescent females and programs to prevent substance abuse-related violence among youth.

Example: School Health Education. The health of young people and the adults they will become is critically linked to the behaviors that they choose in adolescence. School health education programs have been shown to produce significant delays in the initiation of sexual activity among adolescents. Every dollar spent on comprehensive school health education produces a net savings of fourteen dollars in health care costs.

Example: Drug Abuse and Mental Health Research: Research supported by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has shown that many of the factors that can result in drug abusing behaviors can be identified early in individuals who are at high-risk for drug abuse, thus making prevention possible through the design of more effective education and intervention strategies addressed to children. Mental illnesses affect an estimated 12% of children and adolescents, impairing functioning in more than 8 million youngsters. Yet, an estimated 67% of children with a diagnosed disorder are unserved or inappropriately served. Untreated youngsters often turn to drug and alcohol abuse, violence and crime. In total, HHS discretionary programs spend over \$1 billion a year for mental health services and research, while it is estimated that Medicaid spends over \$3 billion a year for mental health-related care.

Example: Planning System Development Program. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Planning System Development Program helps states and communities build the infrastructure necessary to serve children and adolescents with serious emotional, behavioral or mental disorders in their own communities, and evaluates the

effectiveness of various models of organizing, delivering and financing those services.

Example: Coordinated Communications Strategy. Based on our growing body of knowledge about high-risk behavior among adolescents, HHS is developing an aggressive communications strategy to reach young people early with clear and consistent messages about substance abuse, sexual activity and other issues. HHS agencies are coordinating their messages to reinforce and amplify each other. The Department is recruiting a wide range of partners from the public and private sectors to help promote and deliver these messages. Secretary Shalala maintains a Youth Roundtable made up of a diverse group of teenagers that meets regularly and advises her and Department leaders on issues affecting youth.

Building strong foundations and ensuring safe passages are like strands of a great cord -- winding through all of HHS' programs, reinforcing each other, and pulling the Department forward. With these themes that comprise the children's strategy, HHS continues its investment in what is best about America -- our people.

In 1995, America is engaged in an historic debate about who we are as a people and what role we want for our government. The Clinton Administration's answers to these questions are quite clear: We must protect and preserve our children and youth as we would any other national treasure. The children's strategy makes good on that promise.

November 26, 1996

MEMORANDUM

TO: Greg Cresser, State
FROM: Nicole Rabner, OFL
RE: Travelling Party to La Paz, Bolivia

Patti Solis Doyle asked me to send a brief description to you of the responsibilities of the four people who will remain in La Paz for two days following Mrs. Clinton's departure on December 4, 1996.

As you know, Mrs. Clinton will travel to La Paz to participate in the 6th Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government. Last year, she participated in the 5th Conference in Asuncion, Paraguay. Similar to last year, Mrs. Clinton will depart La Paz before the conclusion of the Conference. Following her departure, Ambassador Hattie Babbitt will remain in La Paz as Mrs. Clinton's official representative, and will sign the Conference declaration on her behalf. Deputy Secretary of Education Madeleine Kunin played that role last year. Donna McLarty will remain in La Paz, as she did in Asuncion, as a personal emissary of Mrs. Clinton. Last year, Mrs. McLarty paid for her own travel and hotel expenses, and it is my understanding that she intends to do so this year as well.

Remaining behind at the Conference in a staff capacity, helping to negotiate the declaration and following the issues that Mrs. Clinton will highlight, will be myself and Liliana Ayalde of USAID. She and I played the same role last year in Asuncion.

I hope that is helpful. Please call me at 456-7263 with any questions.

cc: Patti Solis Doyle



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DE JEFES DE ESTADO
Y DE GOBIERNO
DE LAS AMERICAS
Secretaría Pro Tempore

La Paz, 25 September 1996

SPT-CT-930-96

*Technical Advisors of the First Ladies
VI th Conference of Wives of Heads of State
and Government of the Americas*

Esteemed Ladies,

As a result of the Preparatory Technical Meeting of the VI th Conference of Wives of Heads of State and of Government of the Americas held in the city of La Paz, Technical Coordination of the Secretariat Pro Tempore takes pleasure in sending you the framework document for implementation of the project, Prevention of Early Pregnancy, which relies on the financial support of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA).

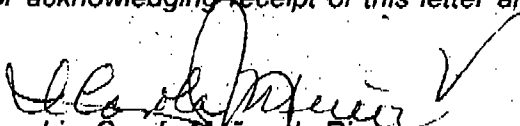
This project is designed to be carried out under the auspices of the Office of the First Lady, by executive powers or by private entities working in the area. In the event your country agrees to implement the above-mentioned project, it should make contact with the UNFPA Office and present a project profile for utilizing regional resources. A copy of this document should be sent to this Secretariat so that it can assist with follow-up and relevant support.

We shall await your response until 10 October after which steps will be taken to redistribute resources among those countries subscribing to this project. We shall do this in the event new countries do not wish to carry out the actions contemplated.

Allow us to remind those countries implementing the project that, in the event of its possible expansion, they should develop a corresponding project profile and present it to the UNFPA Office for their country before 10.10.96. At the same time, we should be grateful if you would send a copy to the Secretariat Pro Tempore so that it may support your efforts.

Please call upon us with any questions; we shall be pleased to supply information you require.

Thanking you in advance for acknowledging receipt of this letter and enclosures, Y send my best wishes.


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**RLA/94/P15 - Support for the Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy
Initiative of the First Ladies of Latin American and the Caribbean**

I. Project Summary

The First Ladies of Latin America and the Caribbean have requested financial support from the United Nations Fund for Population Activities in the amount of \$742,000 for a four-year regional project (1993-1997) with the aim of expanding knowledge and exchanging experiences in the area of adolescent reproductive health, as well as creating programs for the prevention of adolescent pregnancy.

The project fosters the creation of national technical teams which will have as their responsibility the development of policies, programs and projects for adolescent reproductive health.

The activities of the project at national, subregional and regional levels will be carried out by means of a network, already identified, of NGOs and/or governmental organizations.

The support of UNFPA will cover subsidies for national institutions, one or more in each country, the costs of international consultants and missions.

**II Summary
Background**

The First Ladies of Latin America and the Caribbean have met annually since 1991. The last meeting was held in Costa Rica in September of 1993. Here a proposal for a regional project for the prevention of adolescent pregnancy was discussed. The proposal was conceived of during the first technical meeting of the First Ladies in Villa de Leyva, Colombia in June of 1992. UNFPA contributed with the services of a consultant to assist in developing the proposal. After the meeting in Costa Rica, the proposal was revised by Colombia and Venezuela.

Eighteen delegations approved the proposal of Costa Rica. This, together with a letter signed by 18 First Ladies/Delegations requesting support for a regional proposal, was sent to Dr. Sadik on 9 September of 1993.

The next meeting (number four) of the First Ladies was held in Santa Lucia in October of 1994.

**Objectives
Long-range Objectives**

To develop national policies and programs for the adolescent and, in particular, for the prevention of adolescent pregnancy based on knowledge gained and experiences exchanged through subregional and regional activities.

Immediate Objectives

1. To exchange information and knowledge at a subregional and regional level on adolescent reproductive health and other issues which affect the adolescent.
2. To produce and/or update country situation reports on social and economic indicators concerning the adolescent, with emphasis on issues of reproductive health.
3. To progress in the development of national policies concerning adolescent reproductive health.
4. To develop national programs and/or research, education, training projects and the providing of services for adolescents.

5. To establish and/or reinforce national NGOs and establish national and regional NGO networks and/or governmental entities to bring about integrated services for adolescents and to put these services into operation.

Project Strategy

The Offices of the First Ladies were asked to identify the coordination center and technical teams in their respective countries where the national activities for the project are to be carried out. Ten countries have responded (Barbados, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Peru and Surinam). The national centers which were identified can be found in Annex I.

In the proposal presented by the First Ladies, the region of Latin America and the Caribbean has been divided into 5 subregions:

- Subregion 1. : Mexico, Cuba and the Dominican Republic
- Subregion 2. : Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa Rica and Panama
- Subregion 3. : Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia
- Subregion 4. : Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay and Brazil
- Subregion 5. : English-speaking Caribbean Countries

Each subregion will have a coordination center with technical and institutional capacity in the areas of adolescent reproductive health, sex education and research. In accordance with the characteristics of each country, the subregional centers may find themselves operating governmental and/or non-governmental programs in these areas. These centers will be responsible for the coordination of subregional meetings and workshops, developing plans of action and strategies, producing and disseminating information, and conducting follow-up to all project activities.

Project Activities

At the country level

1. Producing reports on adolescent economic and social indicators, including information on pregnancy and abortion rates, as well as on existing programs for and research on adolescents.
2. Activities on the issue of conscience among policy decision-makers. The national coordination center will organize seminars, workshops, and information campaigns to present and disseminate the results of situational reports on the adolescent.
3. Studies for the development of national policies directed towards issues concerning adolescent reproductive health.

It is understood that in each country not all indicated activities will follow the same sequence. It is probable that some countries have adolescent programs and/or projects in operation: these will have issued some situation report.

The national coordination centers will identify and give priority to the activities to be carried out in each country and will provide the necessary technical assistance.

At the Subregional Level

4. Organization of subregional meetings/workshops to exchange information and lessons learned for developing national policies on adolescent reproductive health. At least three subregional workshops will be held each year. These meetings will be coordinated by each subregional coordination center.

III INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK

The First Ladies of the region initiated the project proposal and were responsible for identifying national coordination centers and technical teams and making suggestions on behalf of their respective countries. There will be a coordination center for each subregion.

There will be project follow-up from UNFPA Headquarters with the support of field offices and of the Regional Support Team. The field offices and the members of the support staff of UNFPA will provide support for the specific activities of each country.

IV WOMEN'S ISSUES

UNFPA will insure that all proposed activities include the perspective of gender. This is particularly critical in dealing with an adolescent population. With this aim, a short-term consultant has been identified who will offer technical assistance to countries in designing those national plans focused on adolescent reproductive health.

V TECHNICAL COMMENTS

The proposed project was approved by eighteen First Ladies or Delegations at the meeting in Costa Rica. The proposal and a letter confirmed the support of the eighteen First Ladies of the region. To date, ten of them have sent letters naming a national technical staff and a coordination center.

A second letter to the delegates requesting names of coordination centers and technical teams for each country was sent in April, 1994 to the eight remaining countries and signers of the proposal. The delegates were requested to send their responses by fax; however, no reply has been received to date.

This project is in accordance with the priority areas of the Division for Latin America and the Caribbean with regard to UNFPA financing. The remaining two areas are maternal mortality and abortion (Population Experiences in Latin America and the Caribbean: Historical Perspective and Present Challenges, document prepared by

UNFPA for the Regional Latin American and Caribbean Conference on Population and Development, held in Mexico City from 29 April to 4 May, 1993).

There is no doubt about the consequences of adolescent pregnancy: maternal/infantile mortality and morbidity, induced abortion, reduced opportunities in the field of education, premature paternity, the woman's low social level, and the cost for the family, society and the government.

The project also accords with UNFPA strategy and the regulations approved by the Administrative Council. The initiative taken by the First Ladies brought an important national and subregional focus to the issue. A place will be created for decision-making regarding educational and other executive policies for the problems of adolescent reproductive health. At the same time, this project foresees the establishment of subregional strategies and an opportunity to share lessons learned. TCDC is one of the most important results of the proposed project.

The project proposal has been positively evaluated in both cases. The project will contribute within the following work areas indicated in the umbrella program, Population Policy. These are: to increase the knowledge of decision-makers on the need to bring about effective legislation. Research: to identify existing research regarding adolescent reproductive health in the region, subregion and groups within countries; to identify instruments to improve research designs and methodologies; to improve the quality of available interpretive information. Adolescent Reproductive Health and Family Planning Services: to identify and promote projects to improve the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of existing projects; to support new and innovative projects. System Networks: to establish a multisectoral and multidisciplinary network to direct adolescent issues and the manner of better coordinating prevention and intervention services.

VI RECOMMENDATION

The Division for Latin America and the Caribbean recommends approval and appropriation of funds totaling \$742,000 for carrying out the four-year regional project.

VII Description of UNFPA Input**10 Project Personnel****11 International Consultant**

11-01 To provide technical assistance in the areas of gender and reproductive health
\$4,000 per subregion (5)
Total \$20,000

15 Travel Costs**15-01 UNFPA Headquarters Staff**

Annual visit and supervision
Travel fare \$10,000
Travelling expenses \$10,000
International Consultant
Travel fare \$10,000
Travelling expenses \$10,000
Total \$40,000

20 Subcontract**22 Scholarships**

22-01 Scholarships for one or more coordination centers in each country 10 countries x \$20,000 x 2 (during 2 years). The coordination center will catalog existing projects in countries directed to adolescents. It will produce national strategies for the development of policies and the providing of services, and will evaluate strategies and services.
Total \$400,000

22-02 Scholarships for 4 subregional coordination centers. \$10,000 x 4 = \$40,000. The responsibilities of the subregional coordinator include: coordination and dissemination of information on projects, research, national strategies and regional development policies. Coordination of subregional training and workshops.
Total \$40,000

25-01 Evaluation

The project will be evaluated at the middle and end of the fourth year
Consultants fees \$4,000 x 2 = \$8,000
Travel costs \$2,000 x 2 = 4,000
Total \$12,000

30 Training**33 Meetings**

33-01 4 subregional meetings each 2 years
Estimated budget for each meeting
Trips for 20 participants
Travel costs for 20 participants
\$1,000 x 20 x 4 = \$80,000
Meeting services, etc.
\$5,000 x 4 x 2 = \$40,000
Total \$120,000

33-02 2 regional meetings

Trips for 30 participants
Travel expenses for 30 participants
\$1,500 x 30 x 2 = \$90,000
Meeting services, etc.
\$10,000 x 2 = \$20,000
Total \$110,000
Grand total \$ 742,000

ANEXO 1

FOLLOW-UP TO 1993 FIRST LADIES' MEETING IN COSTA RICA
 REGIONAL PROPOSAL ON THE PREVENTION OF ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY
 (answers received to letter dated 13 October 1993 sent to wives of head of state and government)

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FROM: LIC. CAROLA MUÑOZ GENERAL COORDINATOR OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOLIVIA			
Fecha: 07-10-96		NUMERO DE PAGINAS INCLUYENDO ESTA: 5	
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ESTEEMED LADIES:

THROUGH THE ATTACHED Y TAKE PLEASURE IN SENDING YOUR THE FORM OF ADHERENCE TO REGIONAL INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS. WE SHALL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS TO US.

ALLOW ME TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEND YOU MY BEST WISHES.



FORM OF ADHERENCE TO REGIONAL INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS

COUNTRY: _____

NAME OF THE FIRST LADY _____

NAME TECHNICAL ADVISORS _____

TELEPHONE AND FAX: _____

ADDRESS: _____

With the aim of gauging the interest of the Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas in participating in new initiatives and projects proposed by the Secretariat Pro Tempore, we should be grateful if you would complete the following form:

1. Reduction of Malnutrition due to Iron Deficiency In the Americas.

The Proposal is included in the First Ladies initiative to support Plans to Reduce Maternal Mortality.

The strategy employed is to fortify a food-stuff which is masively consumed and appropriate for the reality and nutritional habits of each country.

The objective is the Reduction of Maternal and Infantile Mortality through reduction of nutritional anemias during pregnancy and childhood.

The proposed Plan of Action contemplates the following steps:

- To foster the establishment of means to control the deficiency of micronutrients generally,
- To establish national institutional comissions to foster the stipulated action,
- To identify the most vulnerable groups and adopt means to complement their diet and guarantee their consumption of nutrients.
- To foster the fortification of flours generally.



The Secretariat Pro Tempore is initiating steps to coore financing from Development Organizations, particularly the World Food Program.

Does the Fdirst Lady wish to adhere to this iniciative?

2. Regional Initiative to Prevent, Sanction and Eliminate Intrafamily Violence.

The project intends to work to eradicate intrafamily violence which deteriorates the quality of present and future life, not only of the affected women, but also of sons and daughters. This, in turn, contributes to the deterioration of society in general.

To this end the Secretariat Pro Tempore presents a Plan of Action wich includes the following steps:

- To typify intrafamiliar violence in Penal Codes.
- To assure access to a shelter where a woman and her children in violent family situations can seek refuge while seeking alternatives that guarantee their safety.
- To assure the allocation of specific funds in national budgets to create and initiate shelters for woman who have been assaulted.
- To work closely with all sectors of society.
- To foster programs in the mass communication media that deal with the issue of Intrafamily Violence in a direct and unpredudiced manner.
- To disseminate the commitment at national and international levels.

Does the First Lady with to adhere to this initiative?

3. Regional Initiative to Improve the Quality of Education

This project intends to energize the initiative to improve the quality of education, the access to and permanence of girls in the educational system. This initiative was presented by the United States and is called "Association for the Revitilization of Education int he Americas" (Pera).

The Government of the United States, through AID, has furnished financing to foster this Project.



The initiative has as its aims:

- To make education a priority in public and private policies of the Continent.
- To strengthen the capacity of Governments and other organizations to increase and improve education.
- To gather and distribute information on effective programs and research, and on successful policies for the preparation of human resources.
- To foster dialog, learning and exchange among countries of the Americas.

Does the First Lady wish to adhere to this initiative?

4. Participation of the Woman in the Power Structure and in Decision-making

The IDB presented an initiative to be put into effect in 1997 with the collaboration of the Government of Norway, UNIFEM, UNICEF, OAS, ICW and UNDP. This was a result of the Conference on Women held in Beijing.

The initiative has as its aim fostering female leadership in the public and private sectors offering financial means to institutions which have projects with the same objective.

The central strategy is the development of networks of the region's women leaders to foster the exchange of information, experiences and practices.

Does the First Lady wish to adhere to this initiative?

5. Training of Rural Woman

This program intends to foster the training of rural women in accordance with the strategic goal, "To Eliminate Illiteracy among Women", adopted by Governments of the World at the Beijing Conference.

The program intends to foster the acquiring of practical, scientific and technological knowledge together with literacy.

The Plan of Action includes the following steps:

- To contribute to the coordination of public and private efforts aimed towards literacy.



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- To contribute to the development of integrated plans of literacy for life
- To participate in information, sensitization and social mobilization campaigns in favor of increasing rural literacy.
- To support institutions responsible for evaluation the impact and permanent monitoring of rural literacy.

Does the First Lady wish to adhere to this initiative?



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FROM: Nina Tamayo de Arnal
National Coordinator
of the Sixth Conference

DATE: October 9, 1996

FAX No.: (202) 456-6244

Dear Nicole,

It was a pleasure to see you during my visit to Washington last week, and I want to thank you, Liliانا and Madeline for your valuable time and the very helpful comments, suggestions and advice you gave me on the tentative program as well as other aspects of the Sixth Conference.

While in Washington, I also met with Dr. Irene Klinger from PAHO who shared with me her expertise on working groups which I found useful. Since my return, we are working to bring together all of the ideas so that we can propose a tentative program to the First Ladies. We hope to get a document out to you very soon.

I informed Mrs. Sanchez de Lozada about the possibility of the signing ceremony with international organizations to support maternal mortality. We look forward to any news you may have on this.

We shall continue to keep you informed and appreciate receiving your comments.

With best personal regards.

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[Recommended revisions]:

The Wives of the Heads of State and Government of the Americas, meeting in the City of La Paz between 3 and 5 December, 1996, with the objective of analyzing "the Rights of Women and Children Within the Framework of Sustainable Human Development," have decided to subscribe to the following declaration of principles:

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- 3• We believe that to meet the challenges of sustainable human development, governments and their civil society must work together, and that we must promote an environment in which opportunity exists for all to acquire skills, organize freely and participate fully in the decision making process.
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- 7• We recognize that the ethnic and cultural richness of our societies are essential elements that must be considered in the planning and implementation of policies and strategies

concerning women and children within the framework of sustainable human development.

- 8 • We understand that we strengthen one another's efforts by coordination, sharing experiences and working together.



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FACSIMILE COVER SHEET

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NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING THIS COVER SHEET: 2

MESSAGE:

Health ~~on its way~~
attached.

Suggestions on Health Language for the Draft Declaration

Recognizing the critical role of good health for full participation in the economic and social lives of our populations, and the special influence on health of women in our societies, we dedicate ourselves to supporting responses to serious health problems in the Americas: infant and child mortality and maternal mortality.

Maternal Mortality

We reiterate our support for implementation of programs to reduce maternal mortality, including access to voluntary family planning, pre-natal care, clean delivery, care for obstetrical emergencies, and postpartum care. We fully appreciate support offered on a regional and country-specific basis by international organizations for such programs.

Measles

We reaffirm our commitment to mobilizing national efforts to protect our children from measles by eliminating this disease from the Americas. We applaud the efforts and success of all our countries in attacking this disease with such vigor. We will continue to support reaching and maintaining very high levels of vaccination of each annual birth cohort, and conducting catch up campaigns when necessary.

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 8. We commit ourselves to firmly back sound and effective policies and social strategies. (?)
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 10. We understand that we strengthen one another's efforts by coordination, sharing experiences and working together.



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Nicole, draft language on health and education for incorporation into our suggestions for the draft declaration.

Madeline

Suggestions on Education Language for the Draft Declaration

* Given the strong link between education, social and economic development, and the need to build our people's skills for the economy and society of the 21st century, we commit ourselves to maintaining and strengthening education policy reform.

* We reaffirm our commitment and efforts in support of the Summit of the Americas Narino Accord's "Universal access to quality education" to ensure economic growth and social advance.

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September 15, 1996

Education Policy Reform and PERA

The Commitment to Education Reform

The growing awareness of the fundamental role of education plays in national development and the commitment by many sectors of society throughout the hemisphere to improve education are resulting in an unprecedented process of educational renewal.

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Partnership for Educational Revitalization in the Americas (PERA)

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AIDE MEMOIRE ON THE WORK METHODOLOGY
AND AGENDA OF THE SIXTH CONFERENCE OF WIVES
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DECEMBER 3 - 5, 1996

According to the proposed work agenda, the following 5 topics would be discussed:

1. Health of Women and Children of the Americas
2. Education and Training of Women and *Girls Children*
3. Intrafamily Violence
4. Participation of Women in the Power Structure and in the taking of decisions
5. Follow-up to the Rights of Children

The plenary sessions would consist of 10 minute presentations by the First Ladies on the topics of their preference.

The First Ladies may indicate their preference in one or more of the above topics for the work group sessions. The work groups would be assisted by the international organizations as facilitators for evaluation and discussion. The international organizations would also provide support with press and rapporteur officers.

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"THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN
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LA PAZ, DECEMBER 3 - 6, 1996

TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM

DRAFT DOCUMENT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 19:00 Official Inauguration of the Sixth Conference of Wives of
Heads of State and Government of the Americas
His Excellency Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada
- Welcome speech by the First Lady of Bolivia
- Presentations by the First Ladies of Panama, the United
States of America and Queen Fabiola of Belgium
Central Bank of Bolivia
- 21:00 Reception hosted by His Excellency the President of
Bolivia and Mrs. Sanchez de Lozada
Presidential Palace

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 09:00 Follow-up Report on the Commitments assumed by the Wives
of Heads of State and Government of the Americas
Pro Tempore Secretary Mrs. Ximena Sanchez de Lozada

~~10:00~~ Consideration and approval of report

~~10:30~~ Refreshments

9:30 ~~10:45~~ Plenary session on the "Health of women and children of
the Americas" and "Education and Training of Women and
Girls"

Presentations by the First Ladies

10:30 Coffee Break

13:00 Luncheon hosted by the First Lady of Bolivia in honor of
the participating First Ladies
Presidential Residence

11:00 Working sessions

~~15:00~~

Simultaneous Work group sessions

11:00

Group 1: Health of Women and Children in the Americas

- Maternal Mortality
- Early Pregnancy
- Anemia due to iron deficiency
- Cancer Mortality
- Elimination of Measles

Facilitators: PAHO, UNEPA (Dr. Marisela Padron) and ALICC
(Dr. Ricardo Alba)

Group 2: Education and Training of Women and Girls

- Strengthening of the Quality of Education
- Integral Training of Rural Women
- Elimination of barriers that hinder access of women in the education system
- Early education
- Exchange of new educational technology

Facilitators: UNICEF (Vicky Colbert), IIICA (Brenda Kleysen), Christian Children's Fund (Adolfo Peters) and Save the Children.

12:30

lunch - signing

~~18:00~~

Conclusion of Work Group sessions

19:00

Official Photograph of the First Ladies
National Museum of Art

conclusions

19:15

Inauguration of the Textiles Exhibition
National Museum of Art

18th century house

19:30

Reception at the Museum

300 - reporting of photograph
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

09:00

Plenary Session with presentations by the First Ladies on the following topics:

- Intra-family Violence
- Participation of Women in the power structure and decision making
- Follow-up on the Rights of Children

10:30

Refreshments

10:45 Simultaneous Work Group Sessions

Group 1: Intra-family Violence and Participation of Women
in the power structure

Facilitators: UNDP (Ms. Gertrude Monguella), PAHO (Dr.
Pamela Hartigan), UNFPA (Ms. Marisela Padron), OAS (Ms.
Margarita Roque) and IDB (Ms. Clotilde Charlot).

Group 2: Follow-up to the Rights of Children

Facilitator: UNICEF (Ms. Martha Mauras)

13:00 Lunch open

15:00 Continuation of Work Group Sessions

18:00 Conclusion of Work Group Sessions

20:00 Folkloric Carnaval presentation
Plaza Murillo

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

09:00 Plenary Session on reports and conclusions of work groups

10:30 Refreshments

10:45 Approval of the Proposal on the Organizational
Strengthening of the Pro Tempore Secretariat

11:00 Approval of the Declaration of La Paz

11:30 Closing ceremony and signing of the Declaration of La Paz

12:00 Press Conference

12:30 Lunch open

17:00 Departure to the city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

09:00	Official Inauguration of the Summit of the Americas
10:00	Departure to San Javier and Concepcion Visit and special program at the Bolivian Jesuit Missions
17:00	Return to Santa Cruz de la Sierra



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Draft Language on Miami for the Draft Declaration of Bolivia

Our work in these conferences is enriched and propelled by the commitment made at the Symposium on Children of the Americas in Miami, to promote the goals set forth at the Summit of the Americas relating to the health and education of the children of our hemisphere.

-- This paragraph could be inserted after the seventh paragraph of the draft declaration which begins "We offer our capabilities...."

Last Day

Presentation of Reports

~~UNICEF~~ - Sept. 30 for add. of new countries
sec. to decide on redistribution of funds

New proposals to be sent by 9/30

MalNutrition / Anemia + Micronutrients

Ques. to countries to be submitted by 9/30
- It's an addendum to the project (proposal
in briefing book)

Measles

- 11/15 deadline - reports due (PAHO support)



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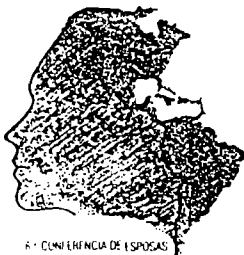
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GUIDELINES FOR THE PLAN OF ACTION

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

To promote and protect the full exercise of fundamental rights and liberties of the women and children of the Americas to improve the quality of the life of the people through the encouragement of regional actions which support social policies of the respective governments.

To fulfill the commitment of following-up points common to the platform, to the Beijing Plan of Action and the Objectives of the World Summit for Children.

Specific Objective in relation to education and training of women and girls.

Promote equality of access to and continuation in the educational system of girls in the Americas.

Increase and promote access to permanent education and training for adult females.

Increase the access of rural women to technological and educational training.

To participate in information, sensitization and social mobilization campaigns to increase the literacy of rural women.

OBJECTIVES IN RELATION TO THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.

To assist our governments, by the year 2000, to carry out their international commitment so that at least 80% of school-age girls have access to and are able to finish primary school.



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- Support the task of reducing illiteracy among women to at least half the rate for 1990 by the year 2000.

THE HEALTH OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Specific objective in relation to the health of women and children.

Promote the formulation or the strengthening of national policies, of plans and programs for the accelerated reduction of maternal mortality in the Americas.

Propel the mobilization of public and private institutions, NGOs, grass roots organizations and others so they can contribute, within their spheres of competence, to the development of National and Local Plans and the carrying out of measures with the greatest impact for the accelerated reduction of maternal mortality.

To give continuity and to widen the project for the prevention of adolescent pregnancy. To implement support mechanisms for the reduction of maternal and infant death due to anemia from iron deficiency.

OBJECTIVES IN RELATION TO HEALTH

- Support plans for the reduction of maternal mortality at a minimum of 50% by the year 2000.
- To rely on a socio-demographic analyses in countries participating in the Program for the Detection of Adolescent Pregnancy.
- To rely on instruments of public policy to prevent adolescent pregnancy in each of the countries of the region which participate in the Project.



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- To present a project on "The Regional Initiative for the Strengthening of Flour with Iron in the Countries of the Region of the Americas."
- To reduce the rate of mortality in children younger than 5 years of age by a third of the rates estimated for 1990.
- To reduce by 50% the rate of serious and moderate malnutrition in children younger than 5 years of age.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE REGARDING INTRAFAMILY VIOLENCE

- To typify Intrafamilial Violence in penal codes and in codes of procedure.
- To assure access to shelters by mistreated women and children.
- To agree, with society and its governmental and non-governmental organizations, upon coordination committees.
- To propel programs in the mass media which deal with the subject of intrafamily violence in a direct and unprejudiced manner.
- To improve the protection of the rights of children in the Americas.

OBJECTIVES IN RELATION TO INTRAFAMILY VIOLENCE

- 50% of the countries that participate in the system, with the commitment of support by the Wives of Heads of State and Government, would initiate actions to modify legislation.
- At least a third of these countries, commitment to coordination between governmental and non-governmental organizations to work on the topic of intrafamily violence.



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- 50% of the countries with mass media programs on intrafamily violence.
- Specific objective in relation to the organizational strengthening of the Pro-Tempore Secretariat.
- The organization of a Pro-Tempore Secretariat with the structure of a communication network under the responsibility of the country where the headquarters are located together with the troika.
- To present for consideration by the technical meetings new social problems to be taken on under the program of action, based on studies and research that attest to their pertinence.
- Setting-up of a electronic network via Internet and E-Mail so that all the offices of the country can communicate with one another.
- Development of a Latin American publication of the Pro-Tempore Secretariat two times a year.
- Organization of the "Annual Forum of First Ladies" as an international event for the analysis of a priority topic.



LINEAMIENTOS PARA EL PLAN DE ACCION

OBJETIVO GENERAL

Promover y proteger el ejercicio pleno de los derechos y libertades fundamentales de las mujeres y la niñez de las Américas, para mejorar la calidad de vida de la población, mediante el impulso a acciones regionales que apoyen las políticas sociales de los respectivos gobiernos.

Cumplir con el compromiso de seguimiento de puntos coincidentes entre la plataforma y el Plan de Acción de Beijing y las Metas de la Cumbre Mundial en favor de la Infancia.

Objetivo Específico en relación a la Educación y capacitación de la mujer y la niña.

Promover la igualdad de acceso y retención de las niñas de las Américas en el sistema educativo.

Aumentar y promover el acceso a la educación y capacitación permanentes de las mujeres adultas.

Aumentar el acceso de las mujeres rurales a la formación tecnológica y educativa.

Acompañar las campañas de información, sensibilización y movilización social en favor del incremento de la alfabetización de la mujer rural.

METAS EN RELACIÓN A LA EDUCACIÓN CAPACITACIÓN DE LA MUJER Y LA NIÑA

- Coadyuvar a que nuestros gobiernos, para el año 2000, cumplan con el compromiso internacional de que por lo menos el 80 % de los niños en edad escolar, tengan acceso y logren terminar la escuela primaria.



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- Apoyar las tareas de reducción del analfabetismo entre las mujeres por lo menos a la mitad de la tasa de 1990, para el año 2000.

LA SALUD DE LA MUJER Y LA NIÑEZ

Objetivo específico en relación a la salud de la mujer y la infancia.

Promover la formulación o el fortalecimiento de políticas nacionales, de planes y programas para la reducción acelerada de la mortalidad materna en las Américas.

Impulsar la movilización de las instituciones públicas, privadas, ONG's, organizaciones sociales de base y otras, para que contribuyan, desde sus ámbitos de competencia, al desarrollo de los Planes Nacionales y Locales y la ejecución de medidas de mayor impacto para la reducción acelerada de la mortalidad materna.

Dar continuidad y ampliar el proyecto de prevención del embarazo adolescente. Implementar mecanismos de apoyo para la reducción de las muertes maternas e infantiles debido a la anemia por deficiencias de hierro.

METAS EN RELACION A LA SALUD

- Apoyar los planes de reducción de la mortalidad materna como mínima en un 50 % para el año 2000.
- Contar con un diagnóstico socio demográfico en los países participantes del Programa de Detección del Embarazo Adolescente.
- Contar con instrumentos de políticas públicas para prevenir el embarazo adolescente, en cada uno de los países de la región, participantes del Proyecto.
- Presentar un proyecto sobre "la Iniciativa Regional para la Fortificación de la Harina con Hierro en los países de las Américas".



- Reducir la tasa de mortalidad de menores de 5 años en una tercera parte de las tasas estimadas en 1990.
- Reducir en un 50 % la tasa de malnutrición grave y moderada de los niños menores de cinco años.

OBJETIVO ESPECIFICO EN RELACION A LA VIOLENCIA INTRAFAMILIAR

- Tipificar la Violencia Intrafamiliar en los códigos penales y de procedimiento.
- Asegurar el acceso a albergues para mujeres y ninez maltratada.
- Conformar comites de coordinacion con la sociedad civil y sus organizaciones gubernamentales y no gubernamentales.
- Impulsar programas en los medios de comunicacion masiva que toquen el tema de la violencia intrafamiliar de manera directa y desprejuiciada.
- Mejorar la protección de los derechos de la infancia de las Americas.

METAS EN RELACIÓN A LA VIOLENCIA INTRAFAMILIAR

- Un 50 % de los países que participan de este sistema, con el compromiso de apoyo de las Esposas de Jefes de Estado y de Gobierno, inicien acciones para cambiar la legislación.
- Al menos en un tercio de los países, la conformación de instancias de coordinación entre sociedad civil y sus organizaciones gubernamentales y no gubernamentales, para trabajar sobre el tema de la violencia intrafamiliar.
- Un 50 % de los países con programas de comunicación masiva sobre violencia intrafamiliar.



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- Objetivo específico en relación al fortalecimiento organizativo de la Secretaría Pro-Tempore.
- La organización de la Secretaría Pro-Tempore, con estructura de red intercomunicada, bajo la responsabilidad de acompañamiento del país sede, junto a la tróica.
- Presentar a consideración de las reuniones técnicas listados de nuevas problemáticas sociales a ser abordadas, bajo programa de acción en base a estudios e investigaciones que avalen su pertinencia.
- Constitución de una red electrónica vía Internet y E.Mail que intercomunique a todas las oficinas de país.
- Elaboración de una publicación latinoamericana de la Secretaría Pro-Tempore, dos veces al año.
- Organización del "Foro Anual de las Primeras Damas", como evento internacional de análisis de un tema prioritario.

PROPUESTAS DEL UNICEF

- 1.- Solicitar que la Secretaría Pro-Tempore impulse las acciones necesarias para asegurar que las propuestas e iniciativas de la 6ta. Conferencia de Esposas de Jefes de Estado y de Gobierno de las Américas sean recogidas e integradas en los compromisos y declaraciones de los Jefes de Estado de la Cumbre de las Américas y de Gobierno como vía para transformar en Políticas Públicas las Iniciativas Identificadas por las Primeras Damas.
- 2.- Que cada país elabore en coordinación con los organismos internacionales un Informe Ejecutivo siguiendo el formato del documento preparado por Bolivia, respecto a la Evaluación de medio término 1990-95.

De esta forma se dispondría de Informes Ejecutivos acerca de la situación existente en cada país con cierre al año 1995.

Esta información nutriría las acciones a impulsar prioritariamente hasta el año 2000.

SUGERENCIAS DE UNICEF A LA PROPUESTA DE REDACCION DE LA
DECLARACION DE BOLIVIA

- 1) Se sugiere enumerar párrafos.
- 2) Revisar el Acuerdo de Santiago, la Tercera Reunión Ministerial sobre infancia y Política Social realizada el 8,9 de agosto e incorpora algunos considerando que enmarquen la declaración de Bolivia dentro de los Derechos del Niño y de la Mujer y reiterar los compromisos de los gobiernos en torno a las metas que la infancia y el Desarrollo Social para el año 2.000 (incluidas en el apéndice del Acuerdo de Santiago).

Sugerencias Párrafo 3

Propuesta Redacción declaración (lo nuevo está subrayado)

"Constatamos, sin embargo, que en nuestras sociedades persisten significativas disparidades sociales, y subsisten diversos factores que impidan el pleno ejercicio de tales derechos a sectores de la población y con mayor incidencia a las poblaciones más vulnerables como son la infancia, niñez, jóvenes, mujeres y ancianos.

4) Sugerencias Párrafo 13 - sobre Educación

"Reiteramos el apoyo en promover estrategias de abogacía, movilización y comunicación que priorizen la toma de decisiones y la inversión en programas de mejoramiento de la calidad (reducción de repitencia y deserción) de la educación básica, prioritariamente en zonas rurales y urbano marginales así como el apoyo a programas de desarrollo infantil a través de la organización de redes de innovaciones existentes en la región y en la promoción y monitoreo de la iniciativa "escuela amiga de los niños y niñas". Todo esto con el fin de asegurar el acceso y la permanencia de la niña y los niños en la Educación básica completa y minimizar el incremento de analfabetos absolutos. Asimismo propiciar acciones encaminadas a la educación de adultos y en particular de la mujer joven, para reducir substancialmente el analfabetismo y transmitir temas vitales de educación para la vida.

**TIMETABLE FOR FOLLOW-UP ON FIRST LADIES CONFERENCE
DECEMBER 3-5, 1996**

August 30

- ✓ - Agenda for 6th Conference to Countries
- Questionnaire on Malnutrition to Countries
- Draft Questionnaire to Countries on Workshops Interests

September 15

September 30

- Comments on Agenda and Plan of Action
- Comments Due on Draft Declaration
- Questionnaire on Malnutrition due to Secretariat
- N.A.- Interest In Early Pregnancy/Project Proposals Due
- Comments on Interests for Workshops (?)
- Next Draft of Operation Manual Due Out
- N.A.- Comments on National Secretariat's Role

October 15

- Approximate Date for Chiefs of Protocol Visit

October 31

- Agenda is finalized
- Info. on Maternal Mortality Reduction Follow-up
- Announcements on Support for Proposals Presented
- Deadline for Secretariat's Proposal to IDB for Women's Leadership
- Medical Forms for Participants

November 15

- Agreement needed on Measles Follow-up Mechanism
(See Action Plan)

November 30

December 1

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**"The Rights of Women and Children within the framework
of Sustainable Human Development"**

La Paz, December 3 to 5, 1996

TENTATIVE WORK AGENDA

Introductory Topics

- 1. Presentation of the Declaration and Plan of Action of the IV World Conference on Women.**

Address by Mrs. Gertrude Mongella
President of the Fourth World Conference on Women

- 2. Presentation of the Evaluation of the Mid-term Goals of the World Conference for Children in the Region of the Americas**

Address by Mrs. Martha Mauras, Regional Director of UNICEF

- 3. Follow-up Report on the Commitments Assumed by the Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas**

Address by Mrs. Ximena Iturralde de Sánchez de Lozada,
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4. The Health of Women in the Americas

- 4.1 Maternal Mortality
- 4.2 Early Pregnancy
- 4.3 Reduction of Malnutrition from Iron Deficiency in the Americas
- 4.4 Mortality from Cancer

5. The Health of Children

- 5.1 Immunization of Children in the Americas

6. The Education and Training of Women and Girls in the Americas

- 6.1 Strengthening the Quality of Education
- 6.2 Schools as Friends of Children
- 6.3 Literacy/Training of the Rural Woman
- 6.4 Project Girl/Woman

7. Intrafamily Violence

- 7.1 Regional Initiative to Prevent, Sanction and Eliminate Intrafamily Violence

8. Participation of Women in the Power Structure and in The Taking of Decisions

- 8.1 Political Participation of Women

**WORK TIMETABLE AGREED UPON AT
THE TECHNICAL PREPARATORY MEETING OF THE
SIXTH CONFERENCE OF WIVES OF HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAS, HELD IN LA PAZ
FROM 19 TO 22 AUGUST 1996**

General Coordination Issues

Date: 03.09.96
Responsibility: Pro Tempore Secretariat Technical Coordination
Task: Distribution of the Report of the Technical Preparatory Meeting of the Sixth Conference of Wives of Heads of State and of Government of the Americas.
Each of the First Lady's Offices will confirm in all cases and in writing receipt of documents.

Working Agenda for the VI Meeting of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas

Date: 03.09.96
Responsibility: Pro Tempore Secretariat Technical Coordination
Task: Distribution of the Tentative Agenda of the Sixth Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas.

Date: 03.09.96
Responsibility: Offices of the First Ladies
Task: Distribution of observations on the Working Agenda for the Sixth Conference of Wives of Heads of State and of Government of the Americas.

Date: 31.11.96
Responsibility: Pro Tempore Secretariat Technical Coordination
Task: Distribution of the final Agenda for the Sixth Meeting of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas.

Proposal for the Organizational Strengthening of the Pro Tempore Secretariat

Date: 30.09.96
Responsibility: Offices of the First Ladies
Task: Based on the document presented at the Technical Preparatory Meeting countries should present their observations to the Pro Tempore Secretariat.

Date: 30.10.96
Responsibility: Working Commission should present a proposal for the organizational structure of the Pro Tempore Secretariat to be sent to countries for their consideration.
Task: Proposed formulation of a document on the organizational structure of the Pro Tempore Secretariat to be sent to countries for their consideration.

Date: 10.11.96
Responsibility: Offices of the First Ladies
Task: Distribution of observations concerning the document for the proposal on the organizational structure of the Pro Tempore Secretariat

Date: 20.11.96
Responsibility: Pro Tempore Secretariat
Task: Distribution of the final organizational proposal for the Pro Tempore Secretariat

Declaration of La Paz and Proposed Plan of Action

Date: 30.09.96
Responsibility: Offices of the First Ladies
Task: Distribution of observations to the proposal presented at the Technical Preparatory Meeting

Date: 30.10.96
Responsibility: Pro Tempore Secretariat Technical Coordination
Task: Distribution of the corrected version of the Declaration of La Paz and the Plan of Action. The Offices of the First Ladies will have until 15.11.96 to make known their observations to the new version. If they have not done so the document will be considered final.

Follow-up of the Commitments Assumed In the Declaration of Paraguay

Date: 30.09.96
Responsibility: Offices of the First Ladies of each country
Task: Distribution of the response to the form "Follow-up of the Commitments Assumed by the Wives of Heads of State and of Government in Paraguay." This task remains for the countries which have not yet sent their responses.

This material is of great importance for orienting the activities First Ladies carry out in their respective countries and for identifying their working tasks.

Evaluation of the Mid-term Objectives of the World Summit for Children in the Region of the Americas

Date: 31.10.95
Responsibility: Office of the First Lady of each country with the support of UNICEF. The Office for each country.
Task: Based on the format of the follow-up presented by Bolivia, each Office should carry out the follow-up of the mid-term objectives of the World Summit for Children with the technical support of UNICEF (the Office for each country), if each Office of the First Lady requires it.
The Pro Tempore Secretariat initiates efforts with UNICEF so that publications of the said evaluation can be published with the technical and financial support of UNICEF, Office of the country.

The Technical Coordination of the Pro Tempore Secretariat will prepare the consolidated report on the said evaluation with the support of UNICEF.

Follow-up of the "Initiative to Support the Plans for the Accelerated Reduction of Maternal Mortality in the Americas"

Date: 31.10.96
Responsibility: Offices of the First Ladies of the Americas Support of PAHO/WHO (the Office for each country).
Task: On the basis of the follow-up instrument approved at the Technical Meeting, with the technical support of PAHO/WHO (the Office for each country), and if each Office of the First Lady requires it, the follow-up report should be sent. The Technical Coordination of the Pro Tempore Secretariat will prepare the consolidated report on the initiative.

Project for the Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy

Date: 30.09.96

Responsibility: Pro Tempore Secretariat and Offices of the First Ladies

- Information on the project for the Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy
- Incorporation of new countries in the project, sending their proposals based on information supplied by the Secretariat.

Date: 10.10.96

Responsibility: Offices of the First Ladies with the support of the Pro Tempore Secretariat

- Transacting with UNFPA to redistribute resources by developing or enlarging projects in each country.
- Each country should send the Technical Coordination of the Pro Tempore Secretariat a copy of the projects to be presented to UNFPA's office in each country so that their efforts can be supported.

Regional Project to Support the Reduction of Malnutrition due to Iron Deficiency in the Americas

Date: 30.09.96

Responsibility: Offices of the First Ladies Pro Tempore Secretariat Technical Coordination

Task:

- Distribution of the Form for the adherence of countries to the project
- Response on the part of counties on their adherence to the Project including information required by the Technical Coordination of the Pro Tempore Secretariat
- Development of the Regional Project based on the Profile approved at the Technical meeting.

Follow-up of the "Plan of Action to Eliminate Measles and for the Immunization of Children in the Americas"

Date: 15.11.96

Responsibility: Offices of the First Ladies of the Americas Support of the PAHO/WHO office in each country.

Task: Based on the follow-up instrument approved in the Technical Meeting, with the technical support of PAHO/WHO (the Office in each country), the follow-up report should be sent, if each Office of the First Lady so requires.

The Technical Coordination of the Pro Tempore Secretariat will produce the consolidated report on the Plan of Action.

Proposal of Work to support the Education of Girls

Date: 30.09.96
Responsibility: Pro Tempore Secretariat Technical Coordination
Task: Together with UNICEF to develop a model project proposal for the First Ladies to carry out: "schools as friends of children."
- To energize the PERA project, presented by the Delegation of the U.S.A., to develop an initiative so that the First Ladies can contribute to improving the quality of education and the continuation of girls in the educational system.
- The Pro Tempore Secretariat will distribute the proposal and until 30.10.96 will consider observations made; additionally, it will send a form of adherence to the project by each country, which the respective Offices will respond to by 15.11.96.

Proposal of Work in Connection with the Project "Girl Woman"

Date: 30.10.96
Responsibility: Pro Tempore Secretariat Technical Coordination
Task: To develop the Model Project with the Christian Children Fund, Save the Children, Plan Internacional and Vision Mundial to repeat the project in those countries indicating interest. Until 15.11.96 countries will consider the project and will make observations, as well as respond to the form of adherence to the project.

Proposal of Work for the Training of Rural Women

Date: 15.10.96
Responsibility: Pro Tempore Secretariat Technical Coordination
Task: To develop with IICA a proposal for a Regional Project with the goal of promoting the training of rural women. To send the proposal to the Offices of the First Ladies for their consideration and adherence on the part of countries.

Date: 30.10.96
Responsibility: Offices of the First Ladies
Task: To send observations and the form of adherence on the above-mentioned projects.

Date: 15.11.96
Responsibility: Pro Tempore Secretariat Technical Coordination
Task: Based on observations presented by countries, to send the amended project to be presented to sources of financing.

Initiative to Support the Regional Project for the Elimination of Intrafamily Violence

Date: 30.09.96
Responsibility: Offices of the First Ladies
Task: To send observations to the Initiative presented in the Technical Preparatory Meeting
To respond to the form of adherence to the Initiative.

Participation of Women in the Power Structure and in the Taking of Decisions

Date: 30.10.96
Responsibility: Pro Tempore Secretariat Technical Coordination
Task: To present for the consideration of countries a regional work proposal to be carried out with the IDB and CIM-OAS to promote female leadership based on the proposals presented in the Technical Preparatory Meeting which already have a financial base.

Date: 15.11.96
Responsibility: Offices of the First Ladies
Task: Observations and adherence of countries to the proposal presented based on the response to the form to be sent by the Pro Tempore Secretariat.

Date: 20.11.96
Responsibility: Offices of the First Ladies
Task: Final project for the promotion of female leadership

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women

Date: 30.09.96
Responsibility: Offices of the First Ladies
Task: Based on the presentation of the follow-up instrument on the actions of First Ladies with regard to the implementation of the Beijing Plan of Action, presented in the Technical Preparatory Meeting, countries should send their observations.

Date: 15.10.96
Responsibility: Pro Tempore Secretariat
Task: Distribution of the corrected form for follow-up of First Ladies' actions with relation to the Beijing Plan of Action

Date: 30.10.96
Responsibility: Offices of the First Ladies
Task: Response to the form in order that the Pro Tempore Secretariat may prepare the follow-up report to the actions carried out by First Ladies on the Beijing Plan of Action to be presented to the Sixth Conference of Wives of Heads of State and of Government of the Americas.

Date: 31.11.96
Responsibility: Pro Tempore Secretariat General Coordination
Task: Sending of the Operative Manual of the Sixth Conference of Wives of Heads of State and of Government of the Americas.