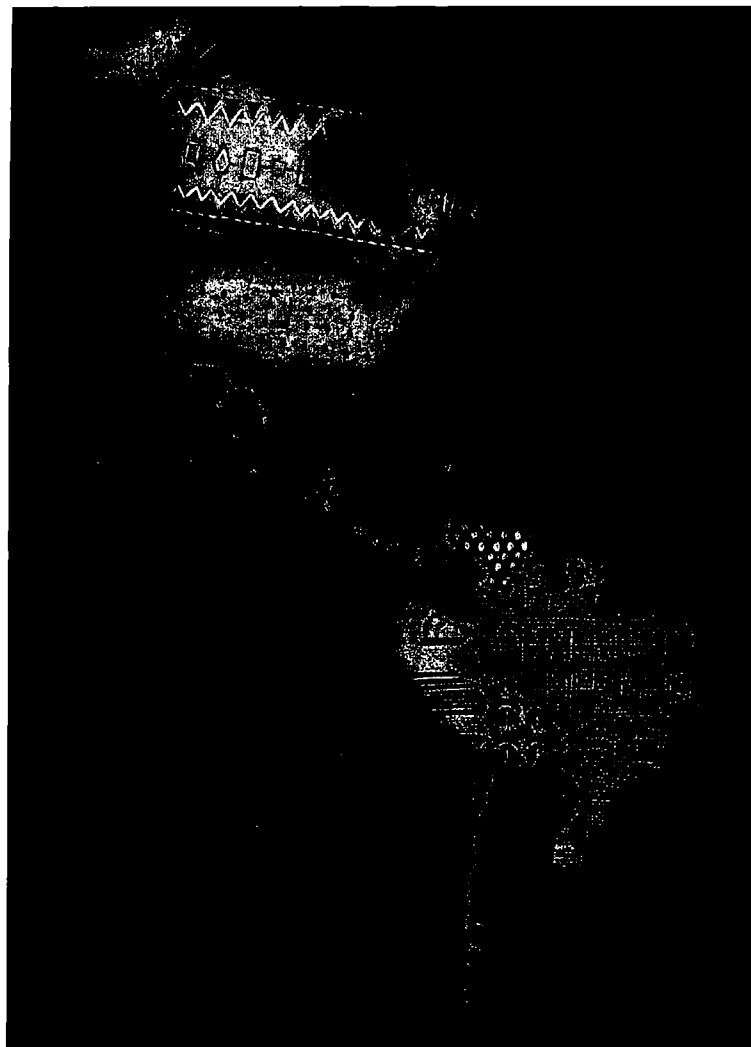




6a. CONFERENCIA de
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La Paz, Bolivia 3 al 6 de diciembre de 1996



PLAN OF ACTION OF THE SIXTH CONFERENCE OF WIVES OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAS

1. GENERAL OBJECTIVES

TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE FULL EXERCISE OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE AMERICAS WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ACTIONS WHICH SUPPORT SOCIAL POLICIES OF THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, PRINCIPALLY IN FAVOR OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

TO UNITE COMMON EFFORTS AIMED AT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITMENTS APPROVED IN THE AGENDA OF THE WIVES OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS IN THE PLATFORMS AND PLANS OF ACTION OF CAIRO, COPENHAGEN, THE SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS, BEIJING AND IN THE OBJECTIVES OF THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR CHILDREN.

2. EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

STRATEGIES

TO ENERGIZE THE CAPACITY FOR CONVOCAION THAT THE WIVES OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAS HAVE DEMONSTRATED TO FOSTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE REFERRED TO.

TO INCREASE THE ROLE AS COMMUNICATORS OF THE WIVES OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAS TO

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INCREASE AND STRENGTHEN THE PROMOTION OF THE OBJECTIVES ADOPTED.

TO PROMOTE THE RAISING OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ORGANIZATIONS TO PERMIT FURTHERING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS THAT FAVOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF THE WIVES OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAS IN THEIR FUNCTION AS FACILITATORS OF A COMMON EFFORT BETWEEN CIVIL SOCIETY AND GOVERNMENTS WITH THE AIM OF REACHING THE NECESSARY CONSENSUS TO PERMIT THE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT CARRYING OUT OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS.

TO GIVE INCENTIVE TO THE EXCHANGE OF EDUCATIONAL AND INNOVATIVE EXPERIENCES WITH THE AIM OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS IN FACING THE COMMON PROBLEMATIC THAT TROUBLES THE COUNTRIES OF THE AMERICAS.

3. THE HEALTH OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

STRATEGIES

TO PROMOTE THE FORMULATION, REVISION, STRENGTHENING AND FOLLOW-UP OF NATIONAL POLICIES, PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR THE ACCELERATED REDUCTION OF MATERNAL AND PERINATAL MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY IN THE AMERICAS.

TO FOSTER THE MOBILIZATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, GRASS-ROOTS ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHERS, SO THAT THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE, FROM THEIR AREAS OF COMPETENCE, TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL PLANS FOR THE CARRYING OUT OF MEASURES WITH THE GREATEST IMPACT

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AIMED AT THE ACCELERATED REDUCTION OF MATERNAL MORTALITY.

TO GIVE CONTINUITY TO AND INCREASE THE PROJECT FOR THE PREVENTION OF ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY, INCORPORATING STRATEGIES LIKE SEXUAL EDUCATION, STRENGTHENING SELF-ESTEEM AND OTHERS, WITH MULTIDISCIPLINARY AND INTERSECTORAL ACTIVITIES AND WITH THE WIDE PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADOLESCENTS.

TO ADHERE TO AND FOSTER THE PROGRAM FOR PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF MALNUTRITION DUE TO DEFICIENCY OF MICRONUTRIENTS (IRON, CALCIUM, IODINE, ZINC, VITAMIN A AND FLUORIDE) THROUGH SUPPLEMENTS GIVEN TO GROUPS AT RISK, FORTIFICATION OF FOOD-STUFFS, DIVERSIFICATION OF DIET AND NUTRITIONAL FOOD EDUCATION.

TO PROMOTE IN COUNTRIES NATIONAL PLANS AND PROGRAMS AND LOCAL PROJECTS TO INCREASE COVERAGE IN THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF GYNECOLOGICAL CANCER, IN PARTICULAR, OF UTERINE CANCER.

TO CONTINUE GIVING SUPPORT TO THE PROGRAM "LATIN AMERICA AGAINST CANCER," WHICH IS CARRIED OUT IN THE REGION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE WIVES OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAS AND ALICC.

TO CONTINUE SUPPORT AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE ELIMINATION OF MEASLES BY THE YEAR 2000 AND TO SUPPORT PERFECTING THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL WATCH SYSTEM.

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TO IMPLEMENT SUPPORT MECHANISMS FOR THE REDUCTION OF MATERNAL AND INFANTILE DEATHS DUE TO ANEMIA BECAUSE OF IRON DEFICIENCY AND THE LACK OF OTHER MICRONUTRIENTS.

4. INTRAFAMILY VIOLENCE

STRATEGIES

TO IMPLEMENT THE "REGIONAL INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT THE PREVENTION, SANCTION AND ELIMINATION OF INTRAFAMILY VIOLENCE."

TO WORK WITH ALL SECTORS OF SOCIETY TO DEVELOP INTEGRATED MODELS AGAINST INTRAFAMILY VIOLENCE.

TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMULGATION OF APPROPRIATE LAWS TO GUARANTEE LEGAL PROTECTION TO PERSONS AFFECTED BY INTRAFAMILY VIOLENCE.

TO FOSTER CONSIDERATION OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION TO PREVENT, SANCTION AND ERADICATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET DONE SO, AND TO PROMOTE COMPLIANCE IN ALL THE REGION.

TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTION OF INTRAFAMILY VIOLENCE AND THE PROMOTION OF NON-VIOLENT STYLES OF LIFE THROUGH FORMAL AND NON-FORMAL EDUCATION.

TO REQUEST THAT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT INITIATIVES IN THIS AREA.

TO DISSEMINATE AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL THE COMMITMENT OF THE WIVES OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAS TO SUPPORT THE PREVENTION, SANCTION AND ELIMINATION OF INTRAFAMILY VIOLENCE.

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5. PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE POWER STRUCTURE AND IN THE TAKING OF DECISIONS

STRATEGIES

TO IMPLEMENT THE "REGIONAL INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE POWER STRUCTURE AND IN THE TAKING OF DECISIONS."

TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COORDINATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE EQUITABLE PARTICIPATION OF MEN AND WOMEN IN THE POWER STRUCTURE AND THE TAKING OF DECISIONS.

TO ADOPT MEASURES TO PROMOTE THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE POWER STRUCTURE THROUGH MECHANISMS OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OF A TEMPORAL NATURE.

TO CONTRIBUTE AND SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN SO THAT THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE POWER STRUCTURE AND IN THE TAKING OF DECISIONS.

TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN INFORMATION, SENSITIZATION AND SOCIAL MOBILIZATION CAMPAIGNS TO ACHIEVE AN INCREASE IN THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE POWER STRUCTURE AND THE TAKING OF DECISIONS.

TO WATCH OVER AND EVALUATE THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY WOMEN AT DIFFERENT LEVELS.

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TO PROMOTE THE INCLUSION OF POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND
THE EXERCISE OF ACTIVE
CITIZENSHIP OF WOMEN IN ALL PROGRAMS LINKED TO THEM.

6. THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

STRATEGIES

TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE
IN ALL ITS FORMS (PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, SEXUAL AND
LABOR).

TO ADHERE TO THE PROPOSAL OF THE ILO FOR THE
ERADICATION OF CHILD LABOR OF BOYS AND GIRLS YOUNGER
THAN 12 YEARS OF AGE.

TO ENCOURAGE THE INTERCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES AMONG THE
COUNTRIES OF THE AMERICAS AND WITH AGENCIES OF
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO STRENGTHEN THE
MECHANISMS OF SYSTEMATIZATION OF INDICATORS IN HEALTH,
EDUCATION AND, IN GENERAL, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, WITHIN
THE FRAMEWORK OF THE "SANTIAGO AGREEMENT."

TO PROMOTE AND STRENGTHEN THE WATCH SYSTEMS FOR
COMPLYING WITH THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN.

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DECLARATION OF LA PAZ

WE, THE WIVES OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS, MEETING IN THE CITY OF LA PAZ BETWEEN 3 AND 6 DECEMBER, 1966, WITH THE PURPOSE OF ANALYZING "THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SUSTAINABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT" AND IN AGREEING UPON ACTIONS, INSPIRED IN DIALOGUE, SOLIDARITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT, SUBSCRIBE TO THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES:

1. **WE RECOGNIZE** THAT THE SUBJECTS OF SOCIAL POLICIES SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN AN ORGANIZED AND ACTIVE MANNER IN THE PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION AND FOLLOW-UP OF ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES SO THAT EVERYONE MAY DEVELOP TO THEIR MAXIMUM POTENTIAL IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE TO RECEIVE PROPER CARE INCLUDING NUTRITION, HOUSING, HEALTH, EMPLOYMENT AND RECREATION.
2. **WE RECOGNIZE**, NEVERTHELESS, THAT ON OUR CONTINENT BARRIERS EXIST FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE SECTORS OF OUR POPULATION, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, IN REACHING THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AND EXERCISING THEIR RIGHTS.
3. **WE BELIEVE** THAT IN ORDER TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF SUSTAINABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENTS AND CIVIL SOCIETIES SHOULD WORK WITH RESPONSIBILITY AND SOLIDARITY PROMOTING CONDITIONS OF OPPORTUNITY AND EQUITY THAT WILL ALLOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF ABILITIES, MEANS OF ORGANIZATION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.
4. **WE RECOGNIZE** THE LINK BETWEEN SOCIAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS WHOSE INTER-RELATIONSHIP MAKES POSSIBLE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF DEVELOPMENT, AND GUARANTEES THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PRESENT GENERATIONS WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE WELFARE OF FUTURE GENERATIONS.
5. **WE REAFFIRM** OUR COMMITMENT TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT POLICIES AND STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT THAT SEEK COMPLETE AND FAIR PARTICIPATION FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE SOCIAL SECTORS.

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6. **WE OFFER** OUR MANAGEMENT AND MOBILIZING ABILITY TO CONTINUE FULFILLING COMMITMENTS WE HAVE MADE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF EACH COUNTRY, MADE AT THE MEETINGS OF VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, SANTA LUCIA AND PARAGUAY, AND ALSO TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED AT THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN, HELD IN NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER OF 1990; THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, HELD IN RIO DE JANEIRO IN JUNE OF 1992; THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, HELD IN VIENNA IN JUNE OF 1993; THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT, HELD IN CAIRO IN SEPTEMBER OF 1994; THE SUMMIT ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, HELD IN COPENHAGEN IN MARCH OF 1995; THE IV WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, HELD IN BEIJING IN SEPTEMBER OF 1995; THE WORLD FOOD SUMMIT HELD IN ROME IN NOVEMBER 1996; AND THE SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS, HELD IN MIAMI, RELATING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS THOSE EXPRESSED IN AGENDA 21 CONCERNING WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

7. **WE COMMIT** OUR FIRM SUPPORT TO SOUND AND EFFECTIVE SOCIAL POLICIES AND STRATEGIES THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE HEMISPHERE FOSTER, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.

8. **WE HIGHLIGHT** THE ETHNIC AND CULTURAL VALUE OF OUR SOCIETIES AS AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED IN FORMULATING AND IMPLEMENTING POLICIES AND STRATEGIES DIRECTED TOWARD WOMEN AND CHILDREN, IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF HARMONY, PEACE, EQUITY, PLURALISM AND DIVERSITY.

9. **WE REAFFIRM** OUR COMMITMENT TO JOIN EFFORTS, COORDINATE ACTIONS, AND SHARE EXPERIENCES WITH THE PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION OF ALL COUNTRIES OF THE CONTINENT.

10. **WE RECOGNIZE** THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH IN OUR POPULATIONS, ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN, IN ORDER FOR THEM TO REACH THEIR FULL PARTICIPATION WITHIN THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LIFE OF OUR SOCIETIES, FOR WHICH WE STRIVE TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS AIMED AT SOLVING CRITICAL HEALTH PROBLEMS IN THE AMERICAS.

11. **WE REITERATE** OUR SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS TO REDUCE MATERNAL MORTALITY, INCLUDING ACCESS TO PRENATAL CARE AND DELIVERY BY TRAINED PERSONNEL, THE DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES ABLE TO SOLVE OBSTETRIC EMERGENCIES, SEXUAL EDUCATION AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH*, AND DEVELOPMENT OF VOLUNTARY, ACCESSIBLE AND HIGH QUALITY FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES AVAILABLE TO COUPLES. FURTHERMORE, WE REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE AT ALL LEVELS OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM AND AT ALL STAGES OF WOMEN'S LIVES.

* Guatemala considers that the term "reproductive health," in accordance with its national legislation, should be understood as "integrated health".

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12. **WE REAFFIRM** OUR COMMITMENT TO MOBILIZE NATIONAL EFFORTS TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM MEASLES AND TO ERADICATE THIS ILLNESS FROM THE AMERICAS. WE APPLAUD THE EFFORTS AND SUCCESSES ATTAINED BY ALL OUR COUNTRIES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THIS ILLNESS AND ALL THOSE ILLNESSES THAT CAN BE PREVENTED THROUGH IMMUNIZATION. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ACTIONS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE HIGH COVERAGE OF IMMUNIZATION SO THAT THE GOAL OF ERADICATING MEASLES CAN BE MET BY THE YEAR 2000.

13. **WE ENCOURAGE** AND SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A REGIONAL PROJECT DIRECTED TO THE REDUCTION OF MALNUTRITION FROM MICRONUTRIENT DEFICIENCY IN THE HEMISPHERE, AND TO THE HIGH RATES OF ANEMIA AND THEIR SEVERE CONSEQUENCES FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

14. **WE EMPHASIZE** THE PRINCIPLE ROLE OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN ORDER FOR PEOPLE TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, BROADEN THEIR SPECTRUM OF THEIR OPPORTUNITIES, STIMULATE THEIR CREATIVITY, IMPROVE THEIR INCOME, AND PROMOTE THEIR ADAPTATION TO TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES THAT WILL IMPROVE THE CONDITION OF WOMEN.

15. **WE REAFFIRM** OUR COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAS, PROMOTING BROAD AND EFFECTIVE EDUCATIONAL POLICIES AND ADOPTING BETTER INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE IN ORDER TO SHARE INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THE MOST EFFECTIVE EDUCATIONAL POLICIES AND STRATEGIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REALITY AND REQUIREMENTS OF EACH COUNTRY.

16. **WE REITERATE** THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING THE EDUCATION AND INTEGRATED TRAINING OF WOMEN, PARTICULARLY IN THE RURAL AREAS, AND PROGRAMS THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO BENEFIT FROM THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS OF OUR COUNTRIES.

17. **WE RECOGNIZE** INTRAFAMILY VIOLENCE AS A PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM AND A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH AFFECTS IN A SPECIAL MANNER WOMEN OF ALL AGES AND SOCIAL GROUPS. FOR THIS REASON, WE URGE GOVERNMENTS TO DEVELOP PUBLIC POLICIES ORIENTED TOWARDS CONFRONTING THIS PROBLEM IN AN INTEGRATED MANNER.

18. **WE URGE** GOVERNMENTS TO DEVELOP PUBLIC POLICIES WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF PROMOTING WOMEN'S EQUAL ACCESS TO THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES AND TO POWER STRUCTURES IN ALL ASPECTS OF PUBLIC AND POLITICAL LIFE. CONSEQUENTLY, WE RECOMMEND FORMULATING AND IMPLEMENTING SPECIFIC PROGRAMS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORIENTATION AND MEASURES AGREED UPON BY GOVERNMENTS AT THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN HELD IN BEIJING IN 1995 WHICH ARE DETAILED IN CLAUSE "G" OF THE PLATFORM OF ACTION, WHICH RESULTED FROM THIS CONFERENCE.

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19. **WE DECIDE** TO STRENGTHEN THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE PRO TEMPORE SECRETARIAT THROUGH ACTIVE MECHANISMS OF CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION, TO FOLLOW UP ON THE COMMITMENTS MADE AT ALL MEETINGS, AND TO FOSTER THE EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES AT THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE OUR ACTIONS.

20. **WE RECOGNIZE** THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES IN FACILITATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS, PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS DIRECTED TO MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRIES. WE URGE THEM TO CONTINUE TO COOPERATE IN ORDER TO REACH THE OBJECTIVES PROPOSED IN THE PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE SIXTH CONFERENCE OF WIVES OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAS.

21. **WE EXPRESS** OUR SATISFACTION TO THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA FOR THE SIGNATURE OF THE PEACE AGREEMENT SIGNED IN OSLO, NORWAY ON DECEMBER 4, 1996 AMONG THE SECTORS INVOLVED, WHICH CONSTITUTES A DECISIVE STEP IN THE PEACE PROCESS OF THIS FRATERNAL NATION.

22. **WE ACCEPT** THE KIND OFFER OF THE FIRST LADIES OF PANAMA AND CHILE THAT PANAMA BE THE SEAT OF THE VII CONFERENCE OF WIVES OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAS IN 1997, AND THAT CHILE BE THE SEAT OF THE VIII CONFERENCE IN 1998.

23. **WE THANK** THE FIRST LADY OF BOLIVIA, AND, THROUGH HER, EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THIS COUNTRY FOR THEIR WARM WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY.

24. SIGNED IN THE CITY OF LA PAZ, BOLIVIA, WITH TWO ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH, ON THE SIXTH DAY OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER OF THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX.

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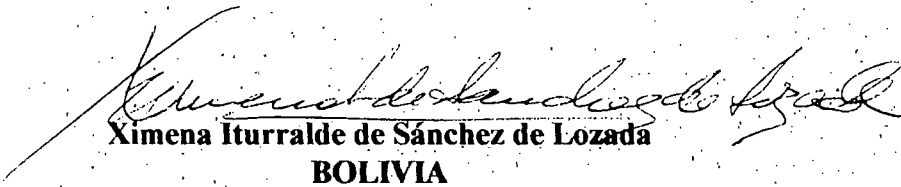
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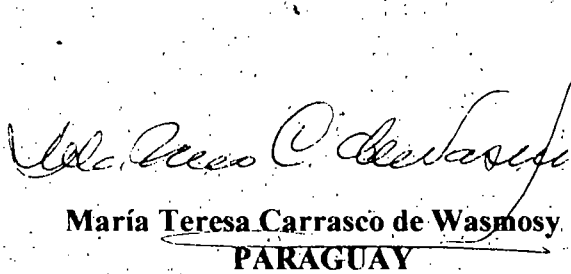
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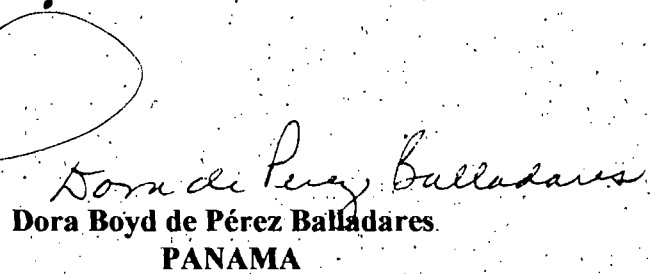
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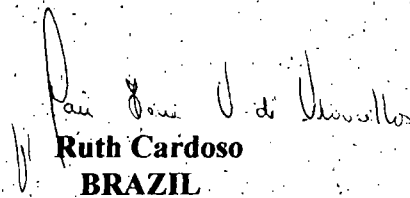

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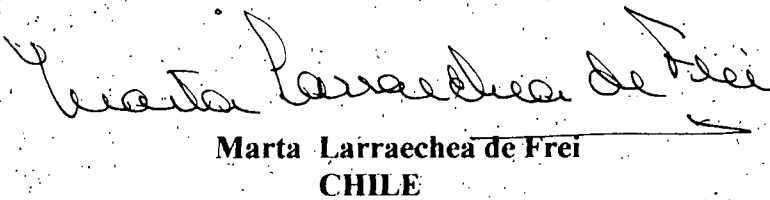

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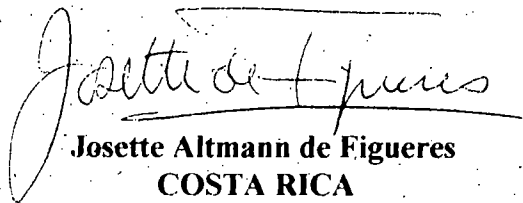

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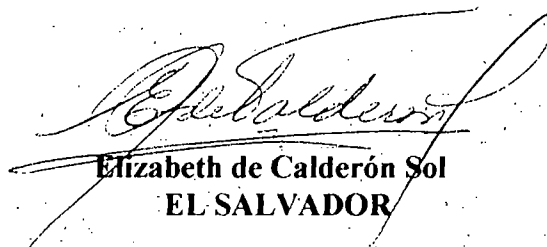

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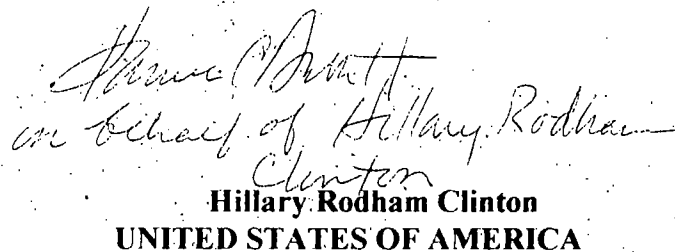

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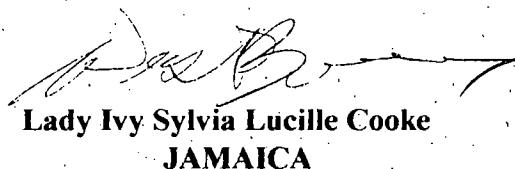

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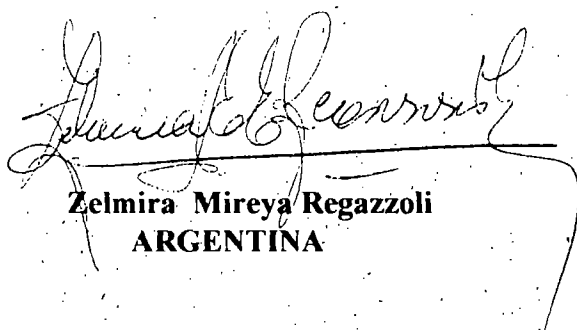

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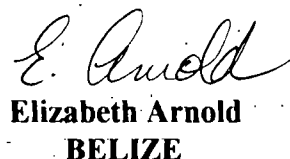

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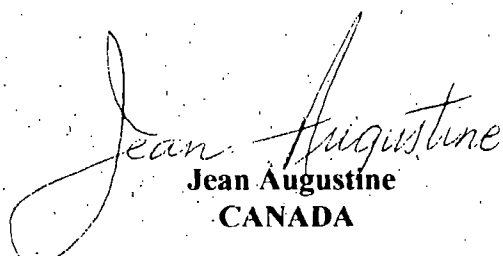

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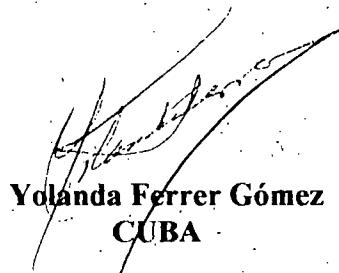

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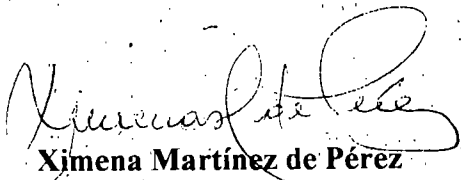

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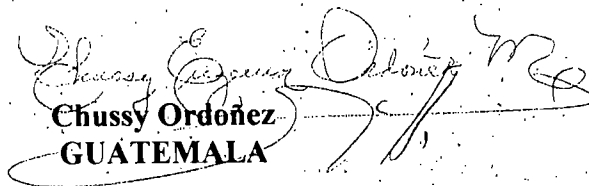

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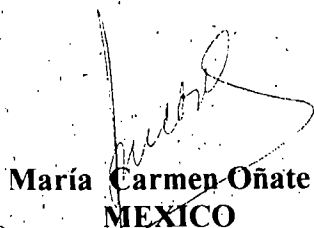

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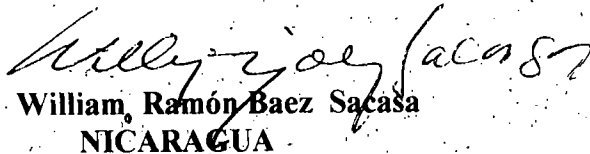
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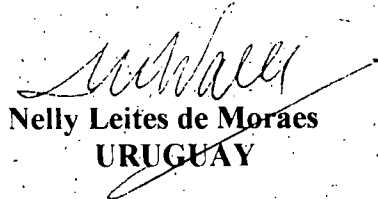

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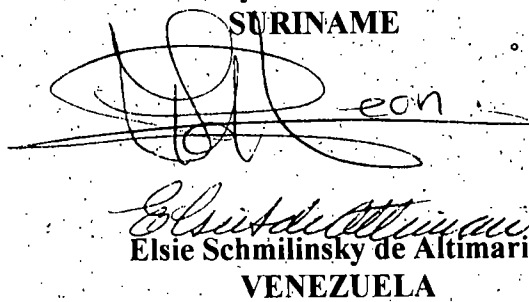

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