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PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, 1981-1985, DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION:

- (b) REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TARGETS AND STRATEGIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SUBTHEME "EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH AND EDUCATION"

Exploitation of the prostitution of others and traffic in persons

Argentina, Costa Rica, France, Holy See, United States
of America and Zaire: draft resolution

The World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality,
Development and Peace,

Considering that traffic in women and children forced into prostitution remains a continuing evil,

Considering that women and children (girls and boys) are still all too often victims of physical abuse and sexual exploitation constituting virtual slavery,

Noting that the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others was approved by the General Assembly in resolution 317 (IV) on 2 December 1949,

Noting that the World Conference of the International Women's Year in Mexico in 1975 adopted a resolution on "Prevention of the Exploitation of Women and Girls" requesting the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in co-operation with other agencies, to undertake a world-wide survey of prostitution and the maltreatment involved in it,

Noting that the Commission on the Status of Women, at its twenty-eighth session, reminded the Secretary-General that a report on the subject should be submitted without delay,

Deploping the scant interest shown by Governments and international organizations in this serious problem,

Believing that it would be desirable to improve the procedures and expand the activities of organs in the United Nations system, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control and the Working Group on Slavery of the Sub-commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of the Commission on Human Rights, which could help to prevent prostitution, suppress its exploitation and facilitate the rehabilitation of its victims,

1. Invites Governments to ratify the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others and to submit to the Secretary-General the information specified in article 21 of that Convention;

2. Urges the Governments of States Members to recognize that women and children are not a commodity and that every woman and every child has the right to legal protection against abduction, rape and prostitution;

3. Reminds the United Nations, non-governmental organizations in consultative status and all international organizations that they should make concerted efforts to ensure the success of the campaign against this world-wide scourge;

4. Invites the Caracas Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders to study the relationship between under-development, prostitution and slavery;

5. Recommends that the Secretary-General of the United Nations should invite the Governments of States Members to take action against international networks of traffickers and procurers;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the twenty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women and to the next session of the General Assembly of the United Nations the requested report on prostitution throughout the world, its causes and the social and economic conditions which encourage it.