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DRAFT INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
AND MEASURES OF IMPLEMENTATION

Observations of non-governmental organizations received by the  
Secretary-General in pursuance of resolution 501 B (XVI) of  
the Economic and Social Council

The World Movement of Mothers has transmitted, in pursuance of  
resolution 501 B (XVI) of the Economic and Social Council, the following comments  
on the draft international covenants on human rights:

XXXII. World Movement of Mothers

(Non-Governmental Organization with consultative status - Category B)

Draft covenant on economic, social and cultural rights

Article 10

Paragraphs 1 and 2 unchanged.

Paragraph 3 should be a separate article, to be inserted before or after the  
present article 10.

"Article ...

"The States Parties to the Covenant recognize that:

- (1) The family, which is the basis of society, is entitled to the  
widest possible protection. It is based on marriage, which  
must be entered into with the free consent of the intending  
spouses.

- (2) The legally constituted family forms a moral and economic entity in which husband and wife should be able to complement one another's functions. Economic living conditions should be such as will enable the father to support his family by his work (supplemented by various types of family allowance); the mother's activities in the home should be recognized as having an irreplaceable moral, social and economic value."

Article 13

Paragraph 1 unchanged.

- "2. The steps to be taken by the States Parties to the Covenant to achieve the full realization of this right shall include those necessary for:

- (a) The protection of the mother before and after confinement, the reduction of stillbirths, reproductive wastage and infant mortality and the provision for the healthy development of the child."

The remainder unchanged.

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