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I. BACKGROUND OF THE MEETING

1. The Regional Preparatory Meeting for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women (Nairobi 1985) was held by the United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia (Baghdad) in co-operation with the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs (Vienna). This was in compliance with General Assembly resolution 35/136 dated 11 December 1980, by which it was decided to convene a World Conference at the end of the United Nations Decade for Women to evaluate progress achieved and obstacles encountered in the advancement of women, and to formulate priorities for a world strategy for the continued advancement of women at the national, regional and international levels, in order to fulfil the objectives of the Decade: Equality, Development and Peace, within a set time-limit, to the year 2000.

2. The United Nations regional commissions, including the Economic Commission for Western Asia, were given the responsibility of preparing two documents directly related to the objectives of the Conference:

(a) To evaluate achievements and identify obstacles encountered during the United Nations Decade for Women. In response to this agenda item of the World Conference, ECWA prepared a document entitled "Assessment of the conditions of Arab women in western Asia during the United Nations Decade for Women (1976-1985)" (E/ECWA/SDP/84/CONF.2/4).

(b) To formulate priorities for a strategy for the advancement of Arab women in the region to the year 2000. ECWA prepared for this agenda item a document entitled "Draft Strategy for the Development of Arab Women in Western Asia to the year 2000" E/ECWA/SDP/84/CONF.2/3/Rev.1).

3. The two draft documents were discussed by the Expert Group Meeting on "Strategy for the Advancement of Arab Women in the ECWA Region to the year 2000", held at ECWA headquarters in Baghdad from 29 to 31 October 1984, and organized in preparation for the Regional Preparatory Meeting. The secretariat of ECWA revised the two documents, taking into consideration the comments and observations of the experts and submitted them to the Regional Preparatory Meeting. Through the discussion and adoption of these two documents, the position of ECWA members regarding the objectives of the Nairobi World Conference would be established; the documents would be considered the regional input into the formulation of an international strategy for women to the Year 2000.

II. DATE AND VENUE OF THE MEETING

4. The Meeting was held at ECWA headquarters in Baghdad from 3 to 6 December 1984.

III. PARTICIPANTS

5. Twenty-five representatives of the following ECWA member participated in the Meeting: Bahrain, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine Liberation Organization, and the Yemen Arab Republic.
6. The following States Members of the United Nations and non-members of ECWA participated as observers: Algeria, Canada, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, Kenya, Norway, and the Soviet Union.
7. Arab regional organizations participated in the Meeting, namely, the Arab League Educational, Cultural, and Scientific Organization (ALESCO), Arab Literacy Organization (ARLO), Arab Organization for Agricultural Development, Arab Labour Organization/Arab Institute for Workers Education and Labour Research, Arab Institute for Statistical Training and Research, and the General Federation of Arab Women.
8. From the international organizations, the following participated in the meeting: Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs acting as the General Secretariat for the World Conference for the United Nations Decade for Women, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women. Three female journalists from Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon participated in the Meeting as fellows from the United Nations Department of Public Information/DIESA.
9. In addition, the following non-governmental organizations participated as observers: International Planned Parenthood Federation, Planning Committee for Non-Governmental Organizations (New York), Research Institute on Developing Economies (Tokyo), and Women's International Democratic Federation (Berlin, German Democratic Republic). (See Annex for the list of participants).

IV. OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

10. The Meeting's aims were the adoption of the two documents mentioned in paragraph 2(a) and (b) in addition to the general recommendations to the Third Preparatory Committee for the Nairobi World Conference, to be held in Vienna from 4 to 13 March 1985, and specific resolutions relevant to the participation of ECWA members in the Preparatory Committee and the World Conference.

V. WORK OF THE MEETING

Opening session (agenda item 1)

11. The session was opened by His Excellency Mr. Bakr Mohmoud Rasoul, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs in Iraq. The meeting was also addressed by Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Attar, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Western Asia, Mrs. Leticia Shahani, Secretary-General of the World Conference (Nairobi), and Mrs. Manal Younis Abdel Razzak, President, General Federation of Iraqi Women.

12. In his speech, the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs thanked the Executive Secretary of ECWA for inviting him to participate in such an important Meeting. He pointed out the circumstances which had engulfed the region since the beginning of the United Nations Decade for Women in 1975, especially the wars in the region which affected the fulfilment of the objectives of the Decade. The Minister pointed out that despite those circumstances progress had occurred in the situation of Arab women in the region in the different aspects of public life: socially, economically, culturally, and politically.

13. The Minister also pointed to the achievements of Iraqi women since the revolution of 17-30 July 1968, and the attention and support provided by the political leadership in Iraq to the advancement of women in the country. He specifically mentioned the results of the latest elections, where 33 female representatives out of a total of 250 members entered the National Council. He also highlighted the role of the Federation of Iraqi women in developing the Women's movement in Iraq, and the role of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in the labour and social fields within the context of its responsibilities. He indicated the quantitative progress achieved in the employment of women in Iraq in general, and in the Ministry, in particular. He closed his speech by emphasizing the dangers of the wars in the region to development and progress. Among those was the Iraqi-Iranian war which continued despite all peace initiatives and mediation efforts, and the resolutions of regional and international conferences calling for the cessation of fighting and the solution of the dispute through peaceful means.

14. The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Western Asia welcomed the participants in the Meeting and thanked His Excellency the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs in Iraq for his valuable speech. He also presented his greetings and appreciation for the efforts of Mrs. Leticia Shahani in the preparation for the Nairobi Conference, and the co-operation with ECWA in its work programme and its regional preparations. The Executive Secretary also thanked the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women for its continuous co-operation with ECWA. He also expressed his gratitude and respect for the President of the General Federation of Iraqi Women for her co-operation with ECWA, and her positive initiatives on serving the issues of Arab women.

15. The Executive Secretary highlighted the objectives of the Meeting, and pointed out ECWA's efforts in the integration of women in development. He further reviewed the main issues of the two documents submitted to the Meeting, indicated the achievements in the condition of women in the region during the Decade, and emphasized the efforts required till the end of the century to fulfil the objectives of the World Plan of Action (Mexico, 1975) and the World Programme of Action for the Second Half of the Decade (Copenhagen, 1980). He also made note of some of the variables which affected the fulfilment of the objectives of the Decade. He pointed out that issues of peace in the region were still not settled owing to the continued occupation of the land of the Palestinian people, the invasion of Lebanon and the occupation of the south of that country, and the Iraqi-Iranian war. All those affected progress in the conditions of the Arab women in the region and the achievement of the objectives of the Decade: Equality, Development and Peace.

16. In her speech, Mrs. Shahani, Secretary-General of the Nairobi Conference, thanked the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs in Iraq for his sponsorship of the Regional Preparatory Meeting, the Executive Secretary of ECWA, the Government of Iraq for its hospitality, and the General Federation of Iraqi Women for its preparatory efforts for the World Conference. She briefed the Meeting on the conclusions of the other regional commissions in Asia and the Pacific, Africa, Latin America, and Europe. She indicated the advancements in the conditions of women in each region, and their forward-looking vision to the year 2000 for achieving the objectives of the Decade: Equality, Development and Peace. She emphasized the importance of treating the issues of the World Conference objectively and realistically. She further pointed out the importance of positive dialogues on the national, regional and international levels for reaching collective objectives despite differences in political conditions. She mentioned the role of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in the preparations of the World Conference, and urged ECWA members to participate in the Preparatory Meeting to be held in Vienna in March 1985. She indicated the different documents to be submitted to the World

Conference, among them a report on the conditions of women and children under apartheid in South Africa, and a report on the conditions of women and children in the occupied Arab territories.

17. Mrs. Shahani indicated progress achieved in this region for women, and the aspirations of ECWA members for the advancement of women in the light of the directives of Islam and its intellectual and literary heritage. She further enumerated some of the priorities at the global level in the area of women's progress. Among these priorities were the formulation of the necessary policies to encourage women to enter employment along with the relevant adjustments in the legal systems and the expansion of opportunities in education and training. Those priorities included giving attention to the basic needs of rural development in many areas of the world. She closed her speech with a reference to the achievement of the United Nations in issuing the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, which had been ratified by 90 countries.

18. The President of the General Federation of Iraqi Women welcomed the participants and expressed appreciation for ECWA's co-operation with the General Federation of Iraqi Women, thus reflecting ECWA's interest in the role of women's organizations in the integration of women in the development process. She emphasized the role of those organizations in identifying the needs of women and the requirements of integrating them in development, reinforcing their self-confidence, expanding their understanding of their new roles, and changing the prevalent views on women's role in society. She also referred to the experience of the General Federation of Iraqi Women in achieving its goals within the framework of the government's efforts to build the society.

19. She pointed to some of the achievements during the Decade, such as the rise in the economic activity rate of the Iraqi women from 5 per cent in 1970, to 22 per cent in 1984 to the expected 25 per cent at the end of 1985. She also highlighted the assistance provided by the Government to the Federation which allowed it to be active and effective, and the support of the political leadership to the Federation's activities in which governmental bodies and other popular organizations participated. She pointed to the initiatives of Iraqi women in meeting the requirements of the Iraqi-Iranian war and in supporting the development process in the country. She closed her speech by mentioning some of the intellectual issues and social customs which obstructed the advancement of women in the region and their full participation in development.

VI. BUREAU OF THE MEETING

20. The Bureau for the Meeting was elected unanimously as follows:

- Mrs. Manal Younis Abdel Razzak - (Iraq) Chairperson
- Mrs. Issam Abdel Hadi - (PLO) Vice-chairperson
- Mrs. Nour Ba Abbad - (Peoples Democratic Republic of Yemen) Rapporteur
- Mrs. Aida Al-Mutlaq - (Jordan) Chairperson of Drafting Committee

VII. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (agenda item 3)

21. The following agenda was adopted:

1. Opening of meeting.
2. Organization of meeting.
3. Adoption of agenda.
4. Review of document on "Assessment of the Conditions of Arab Women in Western Asia during the United Nations Decade for Women".
5. Review of "Draft Strategy for the Development of Arab Women in Western Asia to the year 2000".
6. Adoption of final report.
7. Closing session.

VIII. DISCUSSION OF THE DOCUMENTS

(A) Discussion of the document entitled "Assessment of the Conditions of Arab Women in Western Asia during the United Nations Decade for Women" (E/ECWA/SDP/84/CONF.2/4) (agenda item 4):

22. The document was presented by the ECWA secretariat, after which there was a discussion in which members and observers participated. The comments in Arabic will be introduced into the revised document, after which it will be translated into English.

(B) Discussion of the document entitled "Draft Strategy for the Development of Arab women in Western Asia to the Year 2000" (E/ECWA/SDP/84/CONF.2/3/Rev.1) (agenda item 5).

23. The Meeting discussed this document; it further submitted its comments on the different parts of the document. They were introduced into the revised text, which was adopted in its final form as E/ECWA/SDP/84/CONF.2/3/Rev.2.

IX. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Recommendations to members of the Economic Commission for Western Asia

24. The Meeting recommended that Members should participate on as broad a basis as possible in the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985, to present the problems and needs of women in the region and contribute effectively to the formulation of the World Strategy for the Advancement of Women Until the Year 2000.

25. Members should participate in the Forum for Non-Governmental Women's Organizations, to be held in Nairobi from 8 to 17 July 1985, through the representation of regional womens' organizations, federations, and associations which must play their part in the integration of women in development until the year 2000.

26. Given its role in the preparation of documents and draft recommendations to be submitted to the World Conference to be held in Nairobi, special importance should be attached to participation in the third session of the Preparatory Committee established by the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, scheduled for 4-13 March 1985, in Vienna.

27. Representation in the delegations of governmental and non-governmental organizations should be of the highest possible level and, preferably, delegations should comprise members of national preparatory committees having worked on the Nairobi Conference and/or representatives at ECWA regional meetings, and/or participants in the sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference, held in Vienna.

B. Recommendations to the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of Nairobi, 4-13 March 1985

28. The Meeting recommended that:

(a) The preamble of draft recommendations to be submitted to the World Conference for the United Nations Decade for Women (1985) should emphasize links and organic interaction between the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women, namely, Equality, Development, and Peace, since each objective affects and is affected by the others, and priorities as to their

achievement vary according to national and regional conditions and the nature of threats and challenges confronting the various countries and regions of the world. The security and stability of the ECWA region are threatened by the occupation of Arab lands, the war waged along its eastern borders and the consequent intensity of military confrontation which also jeopardizes world peace. These factors have impeded, and will continue to impede, all efforts to further development and realize the necessary conditions for the achievement of equality among people.

(b) Measures should be taken to convene the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women annually instead of biannually, because it is the main inter-governmental organ in the United Nations system dealing with women's affairs and should therefore be enabled to perform its international functions regarding the monitoring, following-up and orientation of work aimed at the implementation of the World Strategy for women until the year 2000.

(c) Due attention should be devoted to the monitoring, following-up, and evaluation of work aimed at the implementation of the World Strategy to the year 2000 which will be adopted by the World Conference of Nairobi, and appropriate institutional arrangements should be proposed with a view to the performance of these tasks in the specialized agencies and regional commissions of the United Nations.

(d) International meetings should be convened every five years until the year 2000 to evaluate achievements and identify obstacles hindering the implementation of the World and Regional Strategy for Women in the Year 2000.

(e) The United Nations and its competent organs as well as other international organizations should be encouraged to extend technical assistance to governments, upon their request, with regard to the planning and implementation of projects promoting the advancement of women or indirectly contributing to the improvement of their condition.

(f) Scientists, intellectuals, writers, artists and people in charge of information and culture throughout the world should be called upon to support governmental and non-governmental efforts to promote ways of thinking, values and attitudes conducive to the implementation of the priorities of the World Strategy, and enabling women to exercise their rights and responsibilities in full with a view to the achievement of prosperity and the establishment of a just peace in the world.

(g) The international community should call upon the industrialized countries to reduce their spending on armaments and arms production, reach immediate agreement on disarmament issues, and prevent the spreading of international conflicts throughout the regions of the world, with a view to the estab-

lishment of a firm basis for international co-operation and the utilization of resources for the benefit of all mankind.

X. ADOPTION OF FINAL REPORT
(agenda item 6)

29. The final report on the work of the Meeting as presented herein was adopted unanimously by the participants.

XI. CLOSING SESSION
(agenda item 7)

30. Mr. Amer Al-Khishali, Deputy Executive Secretary, took the floor on behalf of Mr. Mohamed Said Al-Attar, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Western Asia. He thanked the various delegations for their active participation in the work of the Meeting and once again expressed gratitude to Mrs. Shahani for attending the Meeting. Mrs. Shahani, Assistant-Secretary-General of the United Nations and General Secretary for the World Conference of Nairobi, commended the conclusions of the meeting and reaffirmed the importance of dialogue between women from different parts of the world. She went on to thank the General Federation of Iraqi Women for its warm hospitality and Mr. Al-Attar, the Executive Secretary and his assistants for their efficiency and effectiveness in the organization of the Meeting. Mrs. Aida Mustafa Mutlaq, head of the delegation of Jordan, then took the floor on behalf of all participants to express gratitude to the delegations of organizations and other bodies including the secretariat of ECWA and the General Federation of Iraqi Women. Mrs. Manal Younis, Chairperson, concluded the Meeting with an address in which she thanked all delegations for their contributions and expressed appreciation to Mrs. Shahani for her participation, her sympathy towards the General Federation of Iraqi Women and her concern for the problems of women and their aspirations in the region. She went on to stress the importance of the women's movement in the region as an integral part of the worldwide movement. Lastly she expresses her appreciation to the Executive Secretary of the Commission and to all those who had collaborated with him to further the interests of Arab women in the region.

31. Participants unanimously agreed to send a cable of appreciation and commendation to President Saddam Hussein, President of the Republic of Iraq, in consideration of his personal attentiveness to the questions of Iraqi and Arab women and the care taken by the Iraqi Government to ensure the effective participation of women in the progress and prosperity of that part of the world.

Annex

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