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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"

Women and development assistance programmes

Australia, Fiji, Ghana, Jamaica, Lesotho, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines,  
Samoa, Thailand, United Republic of Tanzania: draft resolution

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

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/155,

Recalling the objectives of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation  
of the Objectives of the International Women's Year adopted by the  
World Conference of the International Women's Year, and subsequently endorsed by  
the General Assembly at its thirtieth session,

Recognizing that women constitute a vast potential force for positive  
economic and social change,

Reiterating that accelerated development requires the real and effective  
participation of women and men in all aspects of the development process,

Aware that the review and appraisal process of the 1980 World Conference for the  
United Nations Decade for Women has shown clearly that women's potential has been  
underutilized in the development of their countries and that the effectiveness  
of development programmes and projects has been adversely affected as a result,

Emphasizing the need for women to be actively involved in development  
planning, policy and implementation at all levels,

Aware of the importance of multilateral and bilateral development assistance programmes in the development process,

Further aware that many programmes have in the past ignored the contribution which women can make as active participants and that such programmes can have a detrimental effect on women's economic, social and political status,

Emphasizing that all training programmes should be linked with employment opportunities, particularly in developing countries,

1. Appeals to both recipients and donors to ensure that the interests of women are taken into account in all development programmes and projects and that such programmes and projects do not adversely affect women;

2. Calls on aid donors to make more resources available for programmes specifically to benefit women bearing in mind that women suffer particular disadvantages and that efforts to overcome these require sensitive planning of projects, including projects to assist women to develop decision-making and leadership skills;

3. Calls further on aid donors to provide capital funding for the implementation of projects in which women can develop skills while employed in income-generating activities;

4. Urges both recipients and donors of development assistance to involve women, including women who will be affected by such programmes, from the earliest stages and at all levels of planning and implementation of aid programmes;

5. Further urges recipients and donors of development assistance to examine and consult on ways to achieve these objectives and to establish mechanisms for their early implementation, such arrangements to be regularly reviewed and evaluated.