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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"

Prostitution and traffic in persons

France and United States of America: 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,

Deploing 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 the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women for the purpose of preventing prostitution and assisting the rehabilitation of its victims,

1. Urges Member countries, the United Nations and non-governmental organizations with consultative status to recognize that women and children are not a commodity;

2. Reminds Governments and international organizations that every woman and every child has the right to legal protection against abduction, rape and prostitution;

3. 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;

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

5. Requests the Advancement of Women Branch of the United Nations to collect communications concerning violations of universally recognized women's rights and especially those which are an offence against their dignity.