



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

**Copenhagen, Denmark
14-30 July 1980**

Distr.
LIMITED

A/CONF.94/C.2/L.39
23 July 1980

ENGLISH
Original: SPANISH

SECOND COMMITTEE
Agenda item 9 (b)

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"

International legislation to prevent the abandonment of families

Peru: draft resolution

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

Recognizing that freedom to move easily from one country to another in steady
migration flows brings about considerable changes in the organization of society and,
consequently, in the family,

Noting that, in many cases, such migration leads to the abandonment of
families and directly affects women by forcing them to assume the responsibility
of supporting their households,

Aware of the serious problems caused by such migration, which leads to the
abandonment of minor children, who are left defenceless;

Bearing in mind that the majority of women do not have the necessary financial
resources to appeal to foreign courts in order to claim their rights,

Decides that the delegations to the 1980 World Conference of the United Nations
Decade for Women should make every possible effort to ensure that the States they
represent conclude bilateral and multilateral agreements to harmonize their national
laws relating to the abandonment of families and the penalties therefor and that,
in addition to the payment of alimony under civil law, the penalties which this
offence warrants shall automatically apply to those who commit it.