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Report of the Secretary-General

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Technical co-operation for development

In conformity with the Copenhagen Programme of Action, the Secretariat (Department of Technical Co-operation for Development) has reviewed its projects with the aim of including issues of concern to women. It tries to promote attention to this development objective in all projects in the context of specific needs and possibilities involved. Where feasible this is being done through special project additions which, when no other funds are available, are financed from a Regular Programme project for technical co-operation established specifically for this purpose. To date, project additions have served above all to enable women to participate more extensively in project-related training, for example, women are being trained as laboratory technicians, and to upgrade their jobs in public administration. In rural areas economic roles for women are being promoted through training in collective self-help actions and in income-generating activities.

To help identify women's aspects at the earliest possible stages of project formulation, this concern is included whenever possible in advisory assistance given in connexion with the country programming process.

Several actions have been taken by the Secretariat to encourage and facilitate inclusion of women and women's concerns throughout its programmes. Firstly, a substantive review of projects in its different sectoral areas of responsibility has identified the kinds of actions that can be taken within projects usually implemented by the Department. Secondly, individuals acting as focal points exist for each major substantive area of the Department and for each geographic operational branch, as well as for the training and technical assistance recruitment services. These individuals help initiate, follow-up and co-ordinate action related to women in development within their respective offices. The focal point at the central level is available for over-all co-ordination and for liaison with other agencies and organizations both inside and outside the United Nations system. Thirdly, guidelines have been circulated to all headquarters and field staff of the Department enjoining attention to this development objective and highlighting ways in which it can be promoted in technical co-operation activities. Resident representatives, to whom the guidelines have also been sent, are particularly requested to help identify such activities, and to provide assistance as possible so that these activities can materialize. Finally, a regular reporting system has been established to permit monitoring of achievements and problems, and to facilitate follow-up on potential action areas.
