

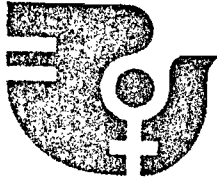


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CURRENT TRENDS AND CHANGES IN THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN AND MEN,
AND MAJOR OBSTACLES TO BE OVERCOME IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EQUAL
RIGHTS, OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Social security for housewives and elderly women

Peru: draft resolution

The World Conference of the International Women's Year,

Considering that women are at a disadvantage as regards the benefits provided by social security and that it is essential that women should share equally in social gains,

Bearing in mind that the majority of women contribute to economic and social development through their work in the home,

Recognizing that society should find a new place for, and protect, elderly women,

Considering that the establishment and strengthening of legal institutions and standards to protect housewives and elderly women are activities which should have high priority,

1. Recommends that social security institutions and organizations should establish family insurance for housewives in order to protect them against risks which may diminish or affect their physical capacity and consequently affect their families;
2. Requests Governments to promote and secure free medical care for women during pregnancy and childbirth, and for infants;
3. Urges social security agencies to promote the construction of recreation and social centres so that women workers, their minor children and elderly women may relax in comfort and at the same time be integrated into society;
4. Recommends further that the United Nations and Member States should carry out special studies on the situation of elderly women and, in particular, on the most appropriate means of protecting them from the risks inherent in their condition and on the most effective measures to achieve social protection for them.