



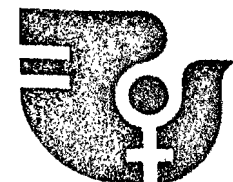
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THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AS
EQUAL PARTNERS WITH MEN

Holy See: revised draft resolution

Women and development

Considering that extreme poverty constitutes an obstacle to the enjoyment of basic human rights,

Considering that in many regions of the world possibilities of personal development are denied to human beings because of their extreme deprivation,

Recognizing that the most under-privileged need love and respect, and have a right to solidarity with other women who have material comfort and at least some advantages,

Affirming that the human community must not neglect the immense potentialities and values which the most deprived women possess but cannot develop because of their situation,

Recognizing that it is just that women who, on the occasion of the International Women's Year affirm the principle of equality, assume their duty to be in solidarity with those who do not enjoy the material and spiritual goods inherent to human dignity,

1. Makes an urgent appeal to all women and all men that they may give priority in their interests to those women who, with their families live under an intolerable yoke of poverty;
2. Urges women to be co-workers with the most under-privileged in their daily needs, in their struggle for change, in their integration in development and their participation in the fight for peace;
3. Recommends that women take a special role in urging Governments and non-governmental organizations to co-operate in the establishment of structures which will enable individuals and groups - including the voluntary organizations - justly and with regard for human dignity, to work to overcome the causes of poverty, of great economic disparity, and of those conditions resulting from poverty that threaten the dignity of women, men and children.