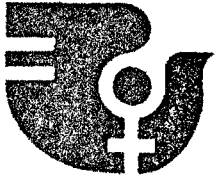




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INTRODUCTION

Replace paragraphs 1-16 with the following:

1. Women continue to be relegated to different and inferior roles throughout the world.
2. The objective of International Women's Year is to define a society in which women participate in a real and full sense in economic, social and political life and to devise strategies whereby such societies could develop.
3. This World Plan of Action provides a statement of principles and guidelines to this objective.
4. Different cultures place different pressures on women but exploitation invariably arises from the prevailing attitudes towards women, including those of women themselves.
5. Equality between women and men is equality of equal rights, opportunities and responsibilities to develop their talents and capabilities. This equality is dependent upon a continuing reassessment of the functions and roles allotted to each sex within the family and the community at large.
6. The objective is not to give women a preferential role but to ensure the complete integration of women and men in the social order. This requires a change in the roles of men as well as of women.

7. The integration of women in development calls for genuine participation in planning, deciding and implementing all projects and programmes. Only this will ensure that the pattern of economic, social, technological, scientific and media development does not have harmful effects on the situation of women but gives to women their fair share of the benefits of development.

8. True peace cannot be achieved unless women share with men the responsibility for establishing a just international order.

9. Women have a contribution to make in the removal of tensions in the world, in establishing conditions of peace, understanding and co-operation among States and in the elimination of racism and racial discrimination, apartheid, colonialism and neo-colonialism.

10. The full development of human resources requires the establishment of a new international economic order in the attainment of which the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States constitutes an effective instrument. But such an order can only benefit women if they have been directly involved in identifying and working to eliminate the particular stresses under which they suffer.
