

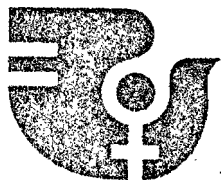


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THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AS  
EQUAL PARTNERS WITH MEN

Costa Rica: draft resolution

The World Conference of the International Women's Year,

Considering that development, equality and peace are lofty objectives for which we must prepare ourselves with speed and enthusiasm, pursuing social, cultural and human goals towards the attainment of which we should direct all our efforts,

Noting that in order to enable women to take their rightful place it is necessary to destroy myths which have been woven about them, relegating them to the status of subsidiary beings at the service of others, and to recognize their true dimension as independent beings and active participants in the process of development and also beneficiaries of that process,

Believing that it is essential to support and encourage full educational opportunities for women because if they are better educated they can be a determining factor in the growth of their communities and in the education and guidance of their children,

Desiring that women should achieve lasting gains based on satisfying self-fulfilment, as protagonists and not spectators,

Observing that intensified efforts should be made to accelerate to the maximum the training of women, particularly in rural areas, so that they may obtain well-paid employment, contributing to the economic improvement of their families and their societies and seeing themselves as useful members of the human race and not as failures and frustrated beings crushed by the daily sacrifice of their individuality,

1. Resolves to propose the establishment of training and promotion centres for women, in the form of community or co-operative enterprises, with the whole-hearted participation of governmental institutions supplying the initial capital, machinery and teaching staff. These centres should preferably be established in rural and urban areas in which it is determined that there is the largest number of unskilled women whose economic situation is deteriorating;

2. Urges Governments to give to industries or undertakings which can use the skilled labour of all the women trained in such centres greater and more numerous incentives to establish themselves in areas adjacent to those centres, thus making use of the available human resources without taking the women away from their homes and their communities.

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