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FORWARD-LOOKING STRATEGIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN TO THE YEAR 2000: NATIONAL EXPERIENCE RELATING TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION OF WOMEN IN RURAL AREAS

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana,
Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lao People's Democratic Republic,
Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal,
Nicaragua, Niger, Rwanda, Uganda and Viet Nam: draft
resolution

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/14 of 9 November 1979, in which it endorsed the Declaration of Principles and the Programme of Action as adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, 1/ and other relevant resolutions,

Recalling also the importance given to the problems of rural women by the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, 2/

1/ See Report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, Rome, 12-20 July 1979 (WCARRD/REP); transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/34/485).

2/ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/29 of 26 May 1988, in which the Council urged Governments and development agencies of the United Nations system to pay particular attention to the role of women in rural development,

Noting with satisfaction the results of the International Seminar on Women and Rural Development, held at Vienna from 22 to 26 May 1989, 3/

Recognizing that the economic and financial crises in many developing countries have severely affected the socio-economic status of women, especially in rural areas,

Recognizing further the urgent need to take appropriate measures aimed at further improving the situation of women in rural areas,

1. Commends the report of the Secretary-General on national experience relating to the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas; 4/

2. Calls upon Member States to make use of the report and the main conclusions and recommendations of the International Seminar on Women and Rural Development, contained in the annex to the report, and to endeavour to reflect them, as appropriate, in national development strategies, paying special attention, inter alia, to:

(a) Setting up or strengthening women's national machineries in order to ensure effective execution, monitoring and evaluation of national strategies in the field of rural development, in particular to strengthen their liaison with agricultural and rural development institutions;

(b) Identifying and formulating more comprehensive priority development projects aimed at improving the situation of rural women and integrating them into national development plans;

(c) Taking measures designed to give rural women broader access to material and financial resources, i.e., land, credit and loans, to promote the establishment and strengthening of rural women's associations and to encourage the development of women's co-operatives and other small enterprises;

3. Requests the organizations and funds of the United Nations system, donor organizations and countries to promote the realization of programmes and projects aimed at the improvement of the situation of rural women, and to provide, on request, training opportunities for national machineries in order to increase their effectiveness;

3/ A/44/516, annex.

4/ A/44/516.

4. ~~Requests also~~ the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with Member States, a report on the implementation of the present resolution and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session through the Economic and Social Council.
