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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE
STATUS OF WOMEN (Fourth Session)⁽¹⁾

Statement submitted by the International Council of
Women, a non-governmental organization in category B
consultative status

The Secretary-General has received the following
statement which is circulated in accordance with
paragraphs 22 and 23 of Council resolution 288 B(X)

The International Council of Women draws the attention of the Economic and Social Council to Resolution No. VIII of the meeting called by UNESCO in December 1949 to deal with obstacles to the equality of educational opportunity for women. This resolution emphasized that "the governments administering trust or non-self-governing territories should place no obstacle in the way of women's access to administrative functions in those territories, so that the development of the women originating from those territories should be stimulated to the greatest possible degree".

Applying the spirit motivating this specialized resolution to the problem of technical assistance for underdeveloped areas as a whole, the International Council of Women would point out that such programs should

(1) See Item 20 of the Agenda of the Economic and Social Council.

1. consider the special needs of the women of such areas, as recipients of technical aid;
2. call on the understanding, insight and expert training that women of developed countries can bring to such programs at the policy-making level in all fields, as well as in carrying through the work.

The International Council of Women particularly stresses that the wish voiced under 2 should not be limited to projects concerned specifically with welfare of women and children.
