

Mr. Chairman, as I have said before, my Delegation is deeply interested in the question of the status of women and we wish to encourage any measures which will assist their advancement in developing countries.

I should like to say that my Delegation welcomes the constructive suggestions made by the distinguished Delegates of Cambodia and Liberia concerning the Polish amendment to the draft resolution on United Nations Assistance for the Advancement of Women in Developing Countries.

We shall support the suggested amendment which would incorporate the hope expressed in the two texts of operative paragraph one, namely, that Member States will take full advantage of existing United Nations programmes and that the United Nations and its specialized agencies will direct their existing programmes to a greater extent to improving the status of women.

As for the second Polish amendment to delete "in connection with this study", it is our understanding that the co-sponsor had in mind that any action to be taken under operative paragraph two would be determined by the outcome of the study undertaken by the Secretary-General on the need for and the possibilities of further United Nations assistance in this field. We therefore are not in a position to support this Polish amendment.

Thank you.