

That is why we the First Ladies of the West African sub- region, at our meeting in Accra on Peace and Humanitarian Issues, in July 1998, resolved among other things to organise, in conjunction with relevant authorities of government, fund-raising activities in support of humanitarian activities in the sub-region.

If school children in America can help to raise funds for the afflicted in Africa, I do not understand why we Africans cannot sacrifice or organize activities throughout the continent that can generate funds for our own mechanism for conflict prevention, management and resolution.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, I thank you for your attention.