

Delegates also expressed concern that the trade-related shift in education systems to job-training and international competitiveness could weaken national control over curricula and weaken the promotion of social values in education, including new values that strive to increase gender equality.

Planning for the IDEA Women in Education Conference: At its founding meeting in Quito, Ecuador in May, 2000 the IDEA Women in Education Network proposed to organize a Hemispheric Conference for women in Education. Participants took advantage of the seminar in Quebec to make concrete plans for this conference.

The conference, to be entitled "Women, Globalization and Public Education," will be held October 31 and November 1, 2001 in Morelia, Mexico. The conference will include female educators and students and will consist of panels and working groups on the following themes:

a) The impact of globalization on:

- i) the education of women and girls;
- ii) working and living conditions for female teachers and the teaching career;
- iii) Social security and educators pensions
- iv) Privatizing tendencies in education systems including financing, decentralization and municipalization and social participation.

b) Gender, empowerment and citizenship.

- i) The new roles of men and women in society and the school
- ii) The promotion of the rights of women and girls in our schools and in our organizations
- iii) Empowerment as a teaching method
- iv) The promotion and diffusion of advances in the rights of women and girls.

In addition there will be an opportunity for participants to meet in regional sub-groups (North America, Central America, the Caribbean, the Andes and the Southern Cone) to work on the formation and strengthening of regional networks of women in education linked to the Hemispheric IDEA network.

April 20 Session:

This session was attended by 49 delegates representing 35 civil society organizations from 18 American countries (see attached list). The IDEA Women in Education Network Coordinating Committee presented for discussion the recommendations of the April 16 session.

Communications: It was agreed that communications between women's representatives in each organization and between the Women's Network Coordinating Committee and the IDEA process Coordinating Committee (Red SEPA) needed to be strengthened. Each organization will select a liaison to coordinate communications with the IDEA Women's Network. The liaison will also be responsible for