10. That DFAIT use the opportunity presented by the work on Africa Action Plan in response to NEPAD to initiate the gender mainstreaming of Canada's foreign and trade policies towards Africa.

## Africa Trade Strategy 2000:

- 11. That DFAIT work with the business associations to develop an implementation plan for the strategy.
- 12. That the implementation plan and the work learn from and build on CIDA Inc's experience.
- 13. That the Africa Trade Strategy and CIDA Inc. develop a framework for the integration of Canadian and African women business owners and integrate specific measures for the women's participation in trade and international business.
- 14. That the strategy minimizes the tier-trading system where one country becomes the only "gateway" to all the other countries in a region, but promotes the other countries so that the trade benefits are diversified across the continent.

## D. Canadian International Development Agency

## **Gender Equality Policy:**

- 15. That CIDA Inc. create a specific programme for women entrepreneurs with more flexible eligibility criteria.
- 16. That CIDA consider the recommendations #1, #2, #3, #6, #9, and #10 above and also consider allocating resources for the coordination work as recommended in #4.

## E. International Sphere of Policy Influence

- 17. That Canada use its influence to ensure that financial, sectoral and trade arrangements or agreements set up through the WTO and other IFI's do not create further barriers and disparities to Africa.
- 18. That the G8 Africa Action Plan (AAP) establishes a Framework for the Integration of Women in all activities and decision-making processes. Specific results sought for women are:
  - enhanced employment opportunities and autonomy
  - access to new technologies
  - · increased purchasing power
- 19. That the activities of Canadian and other foreign corporations be specifically directed to respect: