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MR. CHAIRMAN,

CANADA WILL ALWAYS GIVE FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION TO SOUND PROPOSALS AIMED AT SECURING THE MOST FROM STATIC OR EVEN DIMINISHING RESOURCES. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL THAT THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN (UNIFEM) AND THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN (INSTRAW) BE INTEGRATED.

AS WE HAVE STATED IN THE PAST, CANADA STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE WORK BEING CARRIED OUT BY UNIFEM; AND WE BELIEVE THAT A UNION OF UNIFEM AND INSTRAW COULD RESULT IN A PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE MECHANISM FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN. HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE A REAL NEED TO ENSURE THAT THERE WILL BE ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THIS NEW BODY. REORGANISATION AND STREAMLINING OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM SHOULD NOT AND CANNOT BE MADE AN EXCUSE TO CUT BACK ON THE ALREADY MEAGRE RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN.

MR. CHAIRMAN,

LAST YEAR, THE CANADIAN DELEGATION WELCOMED THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WOULD BE ISSUING GUIDELINES ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT. IN CANADA, GREAT IMPORTANCE IS ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE; IT IS CONSIDERED OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO THE ATTAINMENT OF WOMEN'S EQUALITY.

WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN ISSUED. THEY ARE A GOOD FIRST STEP; HOWEVER, NOW MAY BE THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO REVIEW THEIR ADEQUACY AND IMPACT. GIVEN OUR LONG-STANDING INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION CLOSELY.

THE DELEGATION OF CANADA STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT THE UNITED NATIONS MUST BE A WORLD LEADER; THAT, AS THE PROTECTOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, IT MUST BE THE MODEL FOR THE PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL STAFF RIGHTS - A MODEL INCORPORATING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS.