

United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, which state inter alia that national and international emphasis on ecosystem management and the control of environmental degradation should be strengthened and women should be recognized as active and equal participants in this process, requests the Secretary-General to undertake the following activities in collaboration with the relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

(a) To ensure that key elements relating to women's critical economic, social and environmental contributions to sustainable development be addressed at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development as a distinct cross-cutting issue in addition to being mainstreamed in all the substantive work and documentation, particularly Agenda 21, the Earth Charter and the Conventions.

(b) To establish mechanisms:

(i) To include a global goal in Agenda 21 promoting the effective participation of women in knowledge generation, decision-making and management at local, national, regional and international levels;

(ii) To recommend specific actions needed in each of the sectoral and cross-sectoral areas of Agenda 21 to ensure that progress towards sustainable development incorporate measures which will have beneficial impacts on women;

(iii) To identify human and material resources and infrastructural support needed from international, regional and national agencies, to promote women's participation in UNCED activities at all levels and in each sector.

(c) To ensure that recommendations from relevant meetings undertaken by non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations and Governments such as the UNCED/UNICEF/UNFPA symposium "Women and Children First"; the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women; the NGO World Women's Congress for a Healthy Planet and the UNEP/SWAG coordinated Global Assembly of Women, be made available to the Preparatory Committee and reflected in Agenda 21.

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