

- b to ensure that adequate consideration is given to the above criteria in Canada's multilateral and bilateral political and economic relations with other countries in particular in economic relations with developing countries;
- c to strengthen the planning and management systems of international organizations in order to improve their internal efficiency and effectiveness in matters relating to the advancement of women;
- d to develop the capability of DEA officials to respond substantively to advancement of women issues.

3 OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- a to develop strategic guidelines for implementation of those FLS measures which have implications for Canada's bilateral and multilateral relations;
- b to identify key impact points within the Department of External Affairs, CIDA and other federal departments with international responsibilities for the purpose of co-ordinating Canadian action on international advancement of women issues;
- c to establish and chair an ad hoc interdepartmental steering group to facilitate accomplishment of a and b above;
- d to identify key impact points (organizations and officials) within multilateral systems with a view to strengthening the planning, programming and budgeting functions relating to advancement of women matters;
- e to ensure substantive Canadian input to advancement of women issues at key international meetings and conferences.

4 DEPARTMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The new emphasis on international advancement of women issues will require intensified action on the part of the Department of External Affairs in terms of content, process and system-wide co-ordination.