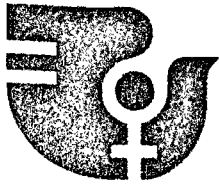




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CURRENT TRENDS AND CHANGES IN THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN AND
MEN, AND MAJOR OBSTACLES TO BE OVERCOME IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF
EQUAL RIGHTS, OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Social security as a means of providing family security for women,
including the elderly and the disabled

Bulgaria, Panama and Peru: revised draft resolution

The World Conference of the International Women's Year,

Considering that in many countries women are at a disadvantage as regards the benefits provided by social security and that it is essential that women should share equally in social gains,

Bearing in mind that the majority of women contribute to economic and social development through their work,

Recognizing that society should integrate and provide security for elderly women,

Considering that the establishment and strengthening of institutions and legal standards to provide security to women, including women who are elderly or disabled, should have high priority,

1. Recommends that Governments should provide benefits for women in order to protect them against risks which may diminish or affect their physical capacity and consequently affect their families;
2. Urges Governments to recognize motherhood as a social function;
3. Recommends that Governments should take measures to ensure paid leave during pregnancy and delivery to all working mothers and provide job security for mothers for a maximum of one year after delivery;
4. Recommends that Governments should ensure free medical care to mothers during pregnancy and delivery and to newborn infants and infants to the age of one year;

5. Urges Governments to promote the establishment of recreation and social centres as a means of furthering the integration into society of women workers, their minor children and women who are elderly or disabled;

6. Recommends that Member States, the competent bodies of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should carry out, within the framework of their existing programmes, special studies on the situation of women who are elderly or disabled, and, in particular, on the most appropriate means of protecting them from the risks associated with their condition and on the most effective measures for achieving their reintegration into socially active life;

7. Urges Governments to provide social and rehabilitation services for physically or mentally disabled women of all ages.
