Agenda item 8

THE INVOLVEMENT OF WOMEN IN STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND ELIMINATING RACISM, APARTHEID, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, ALIEN DOMINATION AND THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORIES BY FORCE

Women's participation in promoting world peace and international co-operation

Philippines: draft resolution

The World Conference of the International Women's Year,

Reaffirming its conviction in the objectives of the United Nations as declared in its Charter,

Believing firmly as Member States in the promotion and maintenance of peace, and the strengthening of friendly relations and co-operation among States,

Acknowledging that an essential condition for the maintenance and strengthening of international co-operation and peace is the promotion and protection of human rights,

Recognizing the efforts of women as individuals and in groups towards the promotion of friendly relations among nations, international co-operation and the attainment of international peace,

Encouraging more active participation by women in intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations working for the strengthening of international peace and co-operation,

Recalling that the General Assembly in its resolution 3010 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 recognizes the importance of women's increasing contribution to the development of international peace and co-operation,

Recalling further that to pursue resolution 3010 (XXVII), a programme of measures and activities for intensified action for the International Women's Year was approved by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1849 (LVI) of 16 May 1974,
Convinced that these programmes at peace efforts by women must be supplemented by more positive and concrete steps,

Urges Governments in a concerted effort to:

(a) Encourage more women to study for a diplomatic career and eliminate all barriers to their admission and advancement in the diplomatic service of their countries as co-equal with men;

(b) Provide more opportunities for women to join and advance in the international civil service or international or regional organizations and agencies;

(c) Provide women with equal opportunities as men to represent their countries in all international forums where the issues of international peace and co-operation are discussed and in particular in the meetings of the organizations of the United Nations and all conferences on disarmament and international peace and other regional bodies;

(d) Allow and encourage more women to participate in foreign policy decision-making agencies of the national governments such as those in the security councils, foreign policy legislative committees, key offices of foreign ministries concerned in the formulation of foreign policy, offices of prime ministers and similar other agencies;

(e) Organize, at grassroots level, such activities as reading groups, information services and similar other projects, to familiarize as many men and women as possible in the concepts of international peace and co-operation, cultural understanding, self-reliance and self-determination, etc. to enable them to translate these concepts in all levels of society;

(f) Provide women with more opportunities to be better aware of political issues and concepts, and be better equipped to resolve political problems through exchange of women leaders, encouragement of a free flow of information, and in the pursuance of university or college courses in government and international studies;

(g) Implement a system of continuous education whereby the individual's perspectives and attitudes to such values as understanding all nations and peoples, racial equality, international peace and co-operation which all men and women are called upon to instil in their children, be further strengthened by the teachers and educators;
(h) Utilize to the fullest all media channels to continue the educational process of goodwill and understanding among all peoples;

(i) Request the United Nations to proclaim a special day to be devoted every year to the celebration of international peace with particular emphasis on women's contribution to peace.