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### COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

Miss Maria de Lourdes Pintassilgo Ministry of Cooperations and Social Security Lisbon, Portugal

Dear Miss Pintassilgo:

Enclosed for your information are the recommendations that the United States has made to the Manpower and Social Affairs Committee of the OECD with respect to their future program on the role of women in the economy. I do think that the work accomplished at the meeting of experts in Washington last December was important and interesting enough to warrant an expanded work effort by the committee. If you would like the committee to go forward with a working party on women in the economy, you might wish to urge your country's delegate to support a strong program in this area. ( | | | | | | | | |

Sincerely yours,

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THE MISSION IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING U.S. PROPOSAL TO THE SOCIAL AFFAIRS, MANPOWER AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE FOR CIRCULATION TO HEADS OF DELEGATIONS AND MEMBERS OF THE MANPOWER AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO THE FUTURE PROGRAM OF THE MANPOWER AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY

THE UNITED STATES OFFERS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE PROGRAM OF THE MANPOWER AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

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COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO ITS WORK ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY:

1. THAT AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE MEETING OF EXPERTS IN WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER OF 1973, TWO SMALL WORK GROUPS BE FORMED IN 1974. ONE GROUP WOULD WORK ON ASSEMBLING BASIC STATISTICS AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH RESULTS FROM PARTICIPA-TING COUNTRIES. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE GROUP WOULD ADJUST FOR COMPARABILITY AND THEN ASSEMBLE THE EXISTING DATA ON THE EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, OCCUPATION AND EARNINGS OF WOMEN AND OTHER RELEVANT VARIABLES. GROUP WOULD ALSO INITIATE A SUMMARY OF THE EXISTING RESEARCH ON THE ECONOMICS OF LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION, OCCUPATIONAL DISTRIBUTIONS AND EARNINGS DIFFERENTIALS. THE GROUP COULD POSSIBLY CONTRACT FOR SOME SPECIAL STUDIES TO BE DONE BY OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS. A SECOND WORKING GROUP ON CHILD CARE COULD REVIEW THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN BOTH THE THROUGHTON OF CHILD CARE AND POBLIC SUPPORT OF CHILD CARE AND STUDY THE DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO THE FINANCING OF CHILD CARE IN PARTICIPATING COUN-TRIES.

2. THE U.S. FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT A STANDING WORKING PARTY BE ESTABLISHED BY THE END OF 1974 TO DEAL WITH THE NUMEROUS ISSUES RELATED TO THE CHANGING ECONOMIC ROLE OF WOMEN, OPEN TO PARTICIPATION BY ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES. THE TWO SMALL WORKING GROUPS ON STATISTICS AND CHILD CARE WOULD REPORT TO THE FIRST MEETING. SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR FUTURE WORK COULD INCLUDE FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND EQUAL PAY LEGISLATION, INCOME TAX AND ITS EFFECT ON WOMEN'S WORK PARTICIPATION, SOCIAL INSURANCE ISSUES AND CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF RESEARCH.

3. AS APPROPRIATE, THE WORKING PARTY WOULD, OR COULD, MAKE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE, LOOKING TOWARD COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN. RUSH