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Dear Ms. Pintassilgo,

On behalf of Mrs. Lucille M. Mair, Secretary-General of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, I would like to express our sincere appreciation that you have accepted our invitation to participate as a panelist at the Encounter for Journalists (11-12 July 1980) to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The Encounter will bring together about 100 leading journalists from around the world, several of them from developing countries who will attend on United Nations fellowships. It will provide journalists an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the issues before the World Conference (14-30 July) through discussions with a group of prominent personalities like yourself. Others who have been invited as panelists are:

Ms. Mercedes Pulido de Briceño, Minister of State for the Women's Participation in Development, Venezuela

Dr. Abdel Rahman A. El Beshir, Commissioner for Refugees, Sudan

Ms. Beverley Manley, President of the Women's Movement of the People's National Party, Jamaica

Ms. Krishna Patel, Office for Women Workers' Questions, ILO

Ms. Teurai Ropa, Minister of Sports and Youth, Zimbabwe

Ms. Thoraya Sharif, Associate Social Affairs Officer, ECWA

Ms. Vida Tomsic, Member of the Presidency of the Socialist Republic of Slovenia, Yugoslavia

Ms. Maria Lourdes de Pintassilgo
Ambassador of Portugal to UNESCO
c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Lisbon
Portugal



We have been in touch with the UNITAR representative here in New York regarding your participation in the Seminar on Creative Women and Changing Societies to be held in Oslo from 9-13 July. They have informed us that according to their programme of events, your presence in Oslo will be required on the 9th and the 10th and that you could fly from Oslo to Copenhagen on the morning of the 11th of July in time to attend the afternoon session of the opening day of the Journalists' Encounter.

The Encounter is expected to open at 10:00 a.m., Friday, 11 July in Rooms 18-19 at the Bella Center in Copenhagen. For your information, at 10:30 a.m., H.E. Lise Østergaard, Danish Minister of Culture, will welcome participants to the Encounter. Mrs. Lucille M. Mair, Secretary-General of the Conference will then address the Encounter and introduce the issues, to be followed by discussions and/or questions and answers with the panelists and journalists. During the Encounter, simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

There will be two sessions each day. You are scheduled to address the Encounter for about 20 minutes in the afternoon of Saturday, 12 July on "Global Development and its Impact on Women".

We are moreover asking all panelists to bear in mind in their presentation the role of the mass media and communications system as a tool to propagate a truer image of women in society and as a development resource.

We are confident that your participation will stimulate discussions and bring about a deeper appreciation of the issues at the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women. We hope all panelists, like the journalists, will actively take part in all discussions. If you have a prepared statement, we will be glad to distribute it to Encounter participants.

We will be sending you shortly, the following for your information:

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1. A list of topics for the Encounter
 2. A draft programme of events
 3. A set of Conference documents
 4. A booklet on the issues before the Conference
 5. The provisional agenda for the Conference
 6. A release on information about the Conference





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We will ask Thomas Cook Travel Agency in New York to make arrangements for your air travel, economy class, Lisbon/Oslo/Copenhagen/Lisbon. Their representative in your area, or an airline designated by them will contact you regarding the issuance of your ticket. It will be helpful if you could cable me your flight number, date and time of arrival. Address cable to: OMNIPRESS, COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, HALLDEN FOR YOUNES. Someone will be at the airport to meet you in Copenhagen.

Palace Hotel

A tentative hotel reservation has been made for you in Copenhagen. As soon as we get confirmation, we will cable you the address, telephone number and rates.

During your stay in Copenhagen for the Encounter, you will receive a subsistence allowance of the equivalent in local currency of US\$80. The rates are established under United Nations procedure and are designed to cover the cost of food, lodging and incidentals.

Should you require further information, do not hesitate to contact me preferably by cable or telephone: (212) 754-6868.

I look forward to meeting you in Copenhagen.

Yours sincerely,

Nadia Younes
Encounter Manager
Information Officer
Division for Economic and Social Information

