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Excellency,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in a Roundtable on Women and the New International Economic Order: a Development Strategy for the Eighties, organized by the Secretariat of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women. It will be convened at United Nations Headquarters, New York, on 14 June 1980.

The Roundtable will agree on a statement which will be a contribution to the Secretariat of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women to the Eleventh Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly, 25 August - 5 September 1980. It will also be available to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, being held in Copenhagen, Denmark, 14-30 July 1980.

The Roundtable has been convened to accomplish three objectives: (i) to identify major themes emerging from an analysis of the background materials on issues related to women and development; (ii) to design a strategy for the Eighties, in the context of the global negotiations to establish a new international economic order; (iii) to generate a greater universal political awareness of the necessity to rationalize strategies for development so that they reflect women's aspirations, as well as their actual contribution to economic processes.

Her Excellency
Mrs. Maria de Lourdes Pintassilgo
c/o Minister of Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Lisbon
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The Secretariat of the World Conference will invite to the Roundtable, persons in international politics and economic development who are concerned to formulate a development strategy for the Eighties. They will prepare a statement to the world which will bear witness to an approach to development arising out of a transformed perspective on women. This document will be made available to the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy, the World Conference of the UN Decade for Women and the Special Session of the General Assembly.

Participants are requested to prepare brief position papers or statements on issues related to the Aide Memoire, and if possible, to bring documents which may facilitate the formulation of the final document.

Schedule

Friday, 13 June, 6.00 p.m. Working dinner, statements and briefings

Saturday, 14 June, 9.00 to 7.00 p.m. Roundtable discussion

It is with great pleasure that I extend this invitation to you to attend this Roundtable. I am confident that the insight on these complex issues that you will bring to these deliberations will enable not only a new perspective on women to emerge, but also a new, and undoubtedly more humane perspective on development.

I sincerely hope you will be in a position to accept this invitation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lucille M. Mair'.

Lucille M. Mair
Secretary-General

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