

INTRODUCTION

In the Resolution concerning a Plan of Action with a view to promoting equality of opportunity and treatment for women workers, adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 60th Session (1975), it is recommended that measures should be taken by the governments:

- (a) to establish a national tripartite commission on the status of women workers to direct action in promoting equality of opportunity and treatment for women in economic and social life;
- (b) to set up a central unit or appropriate administrative machinery which might serve as the secretariat of the national commission on the status of women workers. Such unit or machinery should develop and co-ordinate research and statistics, planning, programming and action on equality of opportunity and treatment for women workers, and disseminate knowledge and information pertaining to women's preparation for work life and their integration in the workforce, and provide a mechanism for systematic consultation with employers' and workers' organisations.

Moreover, one of the minimum aims laid down in the World Plan of Action for the implementation of the objectives of the International Women's Year is for governments to establish multisectoral interdisciplinary machinery to further the integration of women in national life.

There now exists in several countries a great variety of departments, bureaux and commissions dealing with women workers' problems. They have been set up either within the existing executive or legislative structure of governments or as co-independent consultative bodies.

The present "Directory of governmental bodies dealing with women workers' questions" intends to help officials, researchers or students who are looking for data on the status of women workers in the various countries of the world to find first-hand information from one official source.

The data collected in the following pages are not at the moment complete, but we hope to update them at regular intervals. We would therefore be grateful to all those who could help us in improving this directory.

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