

THE CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON THE
ROLE OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

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Being well aware of the fact that the promotion of the position of women and of their role in development, represents one of the key strategic issues of the struggle for progress, for the realization of human rights and the achievement of a more humane life, that it is most closely linked with the struggle for peace and more just international economic and political relations in the world, as well as with positive socio-economic changes in every country, the non-aligned and developing countries decided to dedicate their Conference in Baghdad in May 1979, to the role of women in development, since all the facts indicate that the position of women in the family and the society can be only changed under the conditions of a more rapid overall development and with the change of the social position of all men, regardless of sex. Partial actions beneficial to women, achieved by the elimination of certain consequences of discrimination, will remain without long-term effects if they are not an integral part of the development strategy of a country. Thus, the efforts for the promotion of the position of women are also a component part of the efforts for the establishment of a new international economic order in the world.

The Conference in Baghdad is the continuity of the activity of the non-aligned and other developing countries, which have during the International Women's Year and at the World Conference of the International Women's Year in Mexico, directly