Rani, Ruby, Afia, Koki, Pixy, Nuhan, Leida, Benny. Shirkat Gah - 2.1.93

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Way women would go as rep other organisations.
Them - Others, apart from lawyers should go. So that the feminist perspective can be brought in. Also there tend to restrict themselves to legalistic position.

Ruby - So far H.R defined in male terms.
Human Rights Charter to be changed, Lets define our own position with regard to Human Rights as H.R. etc.
So far the Women Convention has no power. Provisions exist for H.R ICCPR - discuss position re family. Reinforce existing structures. Also H.R have been understood as between State & citizen the domestic ignored. There lacunae has need to be addressed and W.R. should be considered as integral to H.R.
The danger being that W.R if integrated into H.R, they will get lost in H.R. Might be better to stay outside and fight battle.
The definition of the family in this context would be problematic.

Some groups holding series of meetings / seminars on W.R issues (wide ranging) for policy makers in order to change their position rather than working at the grass root level.
So far Pakistan pushing the Kashmir issue only.
We have to find out which NGOs in Pakistan have consultative status.
We need such meetings here to build up an awareness/atmosphere.
NGOs can do but how to reach the poor?
Asked in the HRCP position on W.R. Doubtful if they understand the problem. The feminist issue will be problematic.
Nice ... to define our own position before even talking to HRCP etc.

Pakistan has signed the ILO Convention

H.R not touched.

Begin with speaking about the Conventions Pakistan has not signed

The Preamble and the principles

Find out what are the convention clauses and see our position on them and insert others.

Govts (many) agreeing to the Environment as H.R. for instance

1) definition of HR being enlarged.

Also check the concept of Nation State and cause of borders when violations take place.

Rape as war crime. Should not be seen under the military court.

Check, in case of violation, can the UN do?

International court of justice at the Governmental level only

Other courts outside the UN system.

A violation of a basic HR understands all ethnic, cultural, religious considerations.

Definitions

1) H.R have been defined as Human Rights Commission elected.

2) Rights as seen in relationship to State & citizen (public) under the domestic space & gives protection to domestic form of violence privacy/individual

3) double edged axe - the Hudood Ords - which blurs distinction between public & private to reinforce violence in both sphere.

3) Nation State - Can you take your state to another forum for HR violation. Will such issue of Human, Subversion.

Checking Individual vs State - issue of challenging the State by individual/NGO.

4) Patriarchy as Slavery (NGO working in Bangladesh)

Question by Pixy.

When cases controversial conventions which States have signed — there are in case of DLO + bonded labours, the State can be taken to Court.

3) Relationships/contracts which come under the purview of Slavery.

5) Culture encompasses → (Religion, ethnicity, culture) (language, socio economic practice)
1) Culture as one right
2) Culture as instrument of oppression
Whereas every one has the right to their culture, that same culture cannot be used as an instrument of oppression
3) The need for a plural view of culture — which right of culture are we protecting. The minority pt of view. (this needs to be worked out)

6) Family can read with no 2.
1) legal - religious laws can say (5)

7) Democratic rights. Article 7 of CEDAW
So far emphasis on physical violence — public
Emphasis on Good Governance
8 Economic — Structural Adjustments

~~Three~~.

4)

Issues

1) Reproduction rights

2) Violence against women.

3) Rape expand no. to include gang rape, vendettas, 'honour crimes', marital.

4) Trafficking as slave trade Pak signatory

In conclusion WAF support environmental, indigenous people etc. (Endorse existing position) minority groups. (Special groups as defined by UN). & Disadvantaged (like forgotten People) Endorsing forgotten people = (find ours).

Declaration

Look at the Human Rights Convention, Development rights — Check with HCCP. H'R & Compilation of International documents.

Memo to give material for HRCP.

Pixy H.C. Dec.

Shirkoged 7.2.93

Koki, Bunny, Farida, Ajia, Pixy, Ruby, Nulam.

Agenda for the 11th meeting

1) Materials — 2) Programme — discussion — Lunch — tea/coffee
Pads/pens - Farida All Pixy

Location Sabe time 11-5 Open discussion 3 p.m

Agenda

1) Introducing ourselves
2) Introduction to Kerala & UK — by Farida
also introduce the people being given to them
3) Report on what Lalbon has done — Nulam
(Some picked up at their 2 meetings).
4) Discussion. a) Preamble to WAF position
b) list of key issues
c) Universal Dec. of HR.
d) Endorsement — Human Rights in Asia.

First generation H.R protected in their charter etc Eurocentric

Language in Declaration has to be changed. Gender bias

Right to change religion - Art 18

Article 12 to be interrogated

Article 3 clashes with article 12 privacy, family, honour - also defines arbitrary. Motherhood as opposed to Women

Art. 16 - wider scope of No 3. No. 1 - all forms of the family not simply parents etc

Be interpreted through art 16 of CEDAW

Europe - rewrite H.R Convention - to take Gender

Look at HR & Victorian stated imposed

Change Language of entire text. Whatever exists

Then take H.R text article by article - take Charlotte paper as preamble - extend it to inc for issues brought up in last meeting - and pick them up as specific issue. Agreement at national level

H.R - article by article. Introduction leading to UDHR

Text -

Specific clauses on violence and Rape of Article 5 Add 1 & 2 13 V. R

Violence - No one shall be subjected to violence - public or any he of

private ~~within the home, family or institution~~ (whether public or private)

- the public & private sphere

Rape - No one shall be subjected to any form of Sexual violence, especially rape, either in the ~~domestic~~ public or private sphere domain sphere

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UDHR Preamble - articles to be interpreted in the light of CEDAW

Upgrade UDHR recommendations

~~Everyone~~ No one shall

Art. 4. 1 a in the (2) ~~Forms of trafficking~~ in ~~prostitution~~ exploitation of prostitution of others. No one shall be subjected to trafficking for ~~sexual~~ or other purposes or to exploitation through prostitution.

Art 6 - by which is CEDAW

Art 7

Art 8 -

Art. 12 ~~No one shall be subjected to arbitrary~~

Everyone has the right to ~~the~~ protection of the law against ~~arbitrary~~ interference or attacks upon the individuals privacy, ~~reputation~~.

Art. 13 ✓

Art 14 — Add violence ~~to persecution~~ and danger to life

Art 27 - 1 - ~~Everyone~~ All human - other species have the right to freedom for exploitation in the interest of science for research.