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**Minutes of WAF Meeting
7.8.2007**

Venue: ASR

Present: Rubina Saigol, Samina Rahman, Nighat Khan, Huma Safdar, Rubina Jamil, Salma Liaqat, Feryal Gauhar, Sadaf Chughtai, Neelam Hussain, Lala, Popti Bokhari.

Agenda

1. 14th August WAF statement
 2. WAF Seminar on 60 years of Pakistan
 3. WAF's position on current political situation vis a vis democracy and deals etc.
 4. Shehzina Shumail
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1. Confusion regarding WAF statement and Seminar was cleared. Somehow the two had got conflated leading to a degree of confusion re content of the statement and issues to be addressed at the seminar.
 2. Sadaf Qureshi and Feryal had put together a statement on VAW and circulated it to WAF members via email. This statement was discussed, amendments suggested. In the main the suggestion was that the statement should reflect on the 60 years of Pak, be more inclusive and the mood of the statement should be both celebratory and reflective. It was decided that Feryal, Sadaf, Ruby would meet at Simorgh and write the statement which would be circulated and sent to the press by 11.8.2007 so that it could be in the papers on the 14th.

As ASR staff are out in the field, it was decided that Shirkat Gah would be asked to get the statement to the press.

[This has been done by Sadaf. As the 11th is a Saturday, the press release will have to get to ShirkatGah by Friday the 10th if not earlier. The only problem is that as SGah is caught up in a workshop followup with the press will have to be undertaken by others. Sadaf and Neelam have volunteered and so will Ruby!!]

At the moment, 2 p.m. 8.8.07, Feryal and Sadaf are sitting here and writing the statement. Ruby unable to come but will add her bit via email.

3. The date for the Seminar was fixed for 20.8.2007. Venue: Press Club. Agenda: 4 presentations: Bunny on the Women's Movement (this would contextualise the other presentations) the 2 Rubina's on globalisation, Feryal and Sadaf on VAW and Huma with Lala on celebrating women. The presentations would be of 15-20 minutes each. The celebratory presentation would be on powerpoint focusing on

women who broke the boundaries viz poets, artists, singers etc with brief commentary.

4. Shehzina Shumail situation discussed briefly. WAF will request funds (Rs. 20,000-) from SGAH against legal expenses. Neelam to do.