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Dear WAF Member,

On November 24th, 1992 at the WAF General Body Meeting(GBM) the agenda for the National Convention (NC) (held in Karachi in Dec.'92) was discussed. The GBM gave its position that WAF should suggest changes in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights(UDHR) which will be discussed at the World Conference on Human Rights(WCHR) being held in Vienna in June, 1993.

At the NC in Karachi, the other WAF chapters agreed to WAF Lahore's position. It was decided at the NC that WAF would work towards this and that a national meeting of all WAF chapters on the issue of Women's Rights as Human Rights would be held in Lahore in mid-Feb.'93.

The NC further decided that the WAF position would be taken on two levels:

i) a formal WAF position that would be sent to the WCHR, UN & other international agencies, NGO's and the Govt. of Pakistan, etc.

ii) a Human Rights pamphlet in Urdu to raise awareness on the need for changes in the UDHR, especially with reference to women.

It was further decided that both would be released to the press and public simultaneously by all WAF chapters on March 8th, 1993 - International Women's Day.*

The NC also mandated Lahore WAF to prepare a draft of proposed changes for the National Meeting being held in Lahore in Feb.'93.

The above information/decisions were included in the report on the NC presented to the Lahore WAF General Body at the GBM on the 21st of Jan.1993.

Subsequently a sub-committee of 8 members volunteered to work on the proposed changes. These were presented at the National Meeting which was attended by members from Islamabad, Karachi and Lahore chapters. After lengthy discussion the position worked out was ratified with some changes by the Karachi and Islamabad chapters.

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At the national meeting it was further decided that Lahore WAF would be responsible for finalizing the final formal WAF position and that Karachi WAF would be responsible for writing up the pamphlet, for which Lahore has sent its points - a copy of which is enclosed.

Also enclosed is the draft position agreed to at the National Meeting.

Since all WAF chapters are releasing the formal position and the pamphlet on International Women's Day - March 8th, 1993; and given the shortage of time (and the fact that we have just rec'd the ratified drafts from other chapters) we are only now in a position to send you the enclosures.

We hope that you will read through the material and if you have any suggestions please get in touch with any of the following:

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Since we have to print the pamphlet before March 8th, please give your comments by March 5th at the latest.

Hoping to hear from you.

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WAF Lahore Working Committee

*NOTE: LAHORE WAF IS HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE AT AGHS OFFICE, 131-E-I, GULBERG-III ON MARCH 8TH, '93 FROM 4.45 P.M. TO 6.30 P.M.