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PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S MOVEMENT

Represented the World Federation of UN Associations at the 1974 World Population Conference in Bucharest, lobbying delegates to recognize women's role in population growth.

Headed the organization and management of the non-governmental forum at the first World Women's Conference in Mexico, 1975.

Founded and served as president for six years of a communication center, the International Women's Tribune Centre, designed to sustain the world-wide momentum generated in Mexico.

Served on the Planning Committees for subsequent parallel forums in Copenhagen, Nairobi and Beijing; represented the World YWCA at Mexico, Copenhagen and Nairobi World Women's Conferences.

Appointed by two U.S. presidents to National Commissions on international affairs. Chaired the International Committee of the U.S. Commission on International Women's Year. The Commission organized the 1977 National Women's Conference which brought 20,000 women to Houston, including 100 invited international participants.

Participated in YWCA World Councils in Ghana, Canada, Greece, Singapore and Korea. Keynote speaker at 1995 International Women's Summit in Seoul.

Chaired the Conference of U.S. NGO Representatives; served on the National Boards of the YWCA, United Nations Association, Overseas Education Fund, International Social Service and The Commission to Study the Organization of Peace. Contributed to and helped edit WOMEN, POLITICS AND THE UNITED NATIONS, published in July, 1995.

Invited to testify at Congressional hearings; wrote testimony, articles and policy papers on international themes.