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ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS:

The International Women's Tribune Centre began as a project of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (CONGO). Financial assistance initially came from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). CONGO was the parent body for the IWY Tribune Organizing Committee in 1975.

The Centre was subsequently incorporated as an independent non-profit organization, with a small board of directors and a larger international advisory committee consisting of women in prominent decision-making positions in both government and non-government women's activities in their home countries and regions. This group is available at all times for advice and feedback concerning IWTC plans and programmes. (See Appendices for list of directors and international advisory committee members).

RATIONALE:

The Tribune Centre serves as a support organization, whose programme activities are shaped by requests for assistance received from individuals and groups actively involved in women and development projects. In lending assistance to efforts in this area, the Centre places major emphasis on those activities which seek to enhance women's decision-making capabilities and which seek to fully and equally integrate women into mainstream development programmes.

The Tribune Centre does not initiate projects or programme activities. It provides support to existing programmes now being undertaken by women at the local, national and regional level, through close collaboration with existing groups and regional centres.

The Tribune Centre is not a research centre nor is it research-oriented. It does attempt to present relevant research findings and data in forms appropriate for use by individuals and groups involved in project activities. In this respect, the Centre serves as a linkage point between research and action-oriented programme implementation.