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Dear Mr. Leger,

My last few letters were written to express appreciation for the utterly indispensable help CIDA gave the International Women's Year Tribune last year. This one is for the purpose of transmitting to you a request for assistance in building on the Tribune experience and the momentum it generated to further accelerate the integration of women in development.

I am convinced that IWY released one of the most insistent movements the world has yet known and that the motivation to continue to build on the insights gained and the challenges perceived is available in abundance. The attached project description indicates some of the rationale for this belief. But because of the handicaps which have been discussed at such length this year, special encouragement is needed to preserve the first flush of enthusiasm, it seems to me.

The project described would be carried out by the Conference of NGOs which organized and managed the Population Tribune, the IWY Tribune and the Forum in Support of the Seventh Special Session of the General Assembly. (Those proceedings, incidentally, are almost ready for final printing and should reach you shortly. They are a treasure of information and opinion.)

Rosalind Harris or I am at your service in connection with this or any matters you wish to discuss.

Sincerely,

Rosalind W. Harris, President, Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with United Nations Economic and Social Council

Mildred E. Persinger, Chairman, IWY Tribune Organizing Committee