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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Canadian Government, through the Canadian International Development Agency, has approved a grant of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) payable to the Conference of Non-governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with ECOSOC, New York, to enable this international organization to carry out a survey of the initiatives taken in the developing countries in relation to the International Women's Year.

Yours truly,

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

File Number: 337-60/U43-2
Project Title: Project identification and follow-up actions to the International Women's Year (World wide)
Submitting agency: Conference of NGOs in Consultative Status with ECOSOC, New York.

1. Purpose: To carry out a survey of the activities initiated during the IWY especially in the developing countries and to identify the needs of the most promising projects in order to enable them to solicit the necessary assistance.

2. Background information:
 Under the chairmanship of Mrs Mildred Persinger, a special committee was set up to organize the IWY NGO Forum in Mexico which consisted of over 5,000 participants. In Canada, Gail Gowanlock, under contract with NGO Division, met a great number of women's groups and organized a tour of five Third World women to meet them. The experience gained by these activities during 1975 can be utilized to the advantage of the developing countries by initiating follow-up actions as proposed above. It is felt that women groups in Canada and in other industrialized countries will develop their interests in women problems in other parts of the world if they can more actively participate in concrete projects. Thus the importance of the above survey.

The Special Committee headed by Mrs Persinger has received a great deal of information since the Mexico Tribune. However no funds were at that time set aside for follow-up activities.

3. The Project: The present project is essentially an in depth survey to determine which programs and activities were initiated during IWY, and which ones are being initiated and continuing. It will also through questionnaires, newsletters and on site visits identify the promising projects and their needs and communicate this information to all concerned. The duration of the project is approximately one year.

4. Implementation: Under the coordination of Mrs Persinger a small team will carry out the project as a special committee of the conference of NGO's in consultative status with ECOSOC.

5. Budget

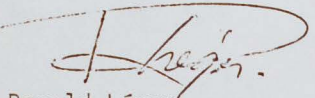
5.1	<u>Estimated cost:</u>	Personnel (1 year)	\$30,000
		Secretarial assistance and general coordination	20,000
		Travel and workshops	20,000
		information services	5,000
		Total	<u>\$75,000</u>

5.2	<u>Financing:</u>	Conference of NGO's and Volunteer participation	\$25,100
		Requested from CIDA	49,900
		Total	<u>\$75,000</u>

International NGO Division: The successful coordination of the IWY tribune by the Special Committee of the Conference of NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC and the emphasis on concrete actions by many delegates at the IWY conference in Mexico encourages the International NGO Division to favor support to this project. The Division favors support to this project for the following additional reasons:

- 1- Those involved in public awareness activities during IWY point out to the lack of adequate information regarding the concrete activities carried out by women in the developing countries. This project proposes to identify and make know such activities.
- 2- The experience gained by those actively involved in the organization of the IWY Tribune is an asset in carrying out this project successfully. CIDA had approved a contribution of \$50,000 to enable third world delegates to attend the Tribune in Mexico.

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