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1985, ZIONISM AND WALK OUT SPEECHES
1. FOLLOWING WAS DELIVERED BY MAUREEN REAGAN
JULY 26, 1985.

STATEMENT ON ZIONISM

DELIVERED BY MAUREEN REAGAN
BEFORE ADOPTION OF REVISED PARAGRAPH 95)

USG POSITION ON ZIONISM FORMULATION HAS BEEN WELL
KNOWN FOR YEARS. WE HAVE TAKEN A PRINCIPLED AND
FIRM STAND AGAINST THIS VICIOUS SLANDER SINCE ITS
INCEPTION A DECADE AGO.

SUCH LANGUAGE IS FALSE IN FACT -- INFLAMMATORY IN
PURPOSE, AND A TRANSPARENT ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH A
PHONY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ZIONISM, WHICH FREE
PEOPLE THE WORLD OVER HAVE SUPPORTED, AND THE
VICIOUS, UNIVERSALLY REJECTED PHENOMENON OF RACISM.

MY GOVERNMENT MOST URGENTLY REQUESTS THAT WE NOW
ADOPT THIS PARAGRAPH.

2. FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS NOT DELIVERED.

WALK OUT STATEMENT

FIVE MONTHS AGO I CAME TO THE UN SYSTEM -- FULL OF
HOPES AND DREAMS -- AND THRILLED AT WHAT THIS
CONFERENCE WOULD TELL US -- ABOUT OURSELVES --
ABOUT THE DECADE FOR WOMEN AND ABOUT THE FUTURE.

I CAME WITH THE PASSION -- NECESSARY TO TAKE ON
THE POLITICAL SYSTEM OF THE UN -- AND WITH THE
EXPERIENCE TO REMAIN UPRIGHT -- AS THE TIDAL WAVES
OF DIVISIVENESS BATTERED US AND OUR WORK.

WE TOOK ON POLITICAL DEBATE TO PROVE THERE WERE
FORMULATIONS OF UNIQUE CONCERN TO WOMEN.

WE FOUGHT FOR A CONSENSUS RULE -- AND ACCEPTED
WHAT IS OBVIOUSLY NOW A MEANINGLESS PROMISE.

THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF OUR GOVERNMENT WORKED THREE
CAPITOLES AND THE UN SYSTEM TO INSURE NO
MISUNDERSTANDING OF OUR COMMITMENT TO THIS WE HAVE

LEFT NOTHING UNDONE TO ARRIVE AT A CONSENSUS
DOCUMENT.

FROM THE BEGINNING WE KNEW THERE WERE THOSE WHO
DID NOT WANT US TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE. PEOPLE
WHO KNOWINGLY LIED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD -- ABOUT
OUR COMMITMENT -- AND OUR PARTICIPATION.

WHEN WE PROVED THEIR STORIES TO BE FALSE BY COMING
TO MAIROBI -- WE HAVE HAD TO WITHSTAND ATTEMPTS TO
FORCE US TO LEAVE. TO THOSE WHO HAD THAT GOAL --
YOU HAVE SUCCEEDED.

I HEARD THE IRANIAN DELEGATE THIS MORNING THREATEN
US ALL -- THAT OUR PROCEEDINGS HERE AND ELSEWHERE
WILL NEVER BEAR FRUIT. AND TO THAT I SAY, "YOU
MAY THWART THE WILL OF THIS CONFERENCE -- EVEN THE
WORK OF THE UN. YOU WILL NEVER HALT THE PROGRESS
OF WOMEN."

THERE IS SUCH PAIN IN MY SOUL -- THAT THOSE -- AND
YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE -- WHO DISRUPT THIS
CONFERENCE WILL STAY -- AND WE WHO CAME WITH SUCH
HOPE AND LOVE -- MUST LEAVE.

BUT I FEEL SO STRONGLY -- AND MY GOVERNMENT FEELS
SO STRONGLY THAT THIS SCANDALOUS ABUSE OF WOMEN'S
HOPES AND DREAMS CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE.
THAT MY DELEGATION IS WILLING TO TAKE THE ULTIMATE
STEP. MEXICO -- COPENHAGEN -- NOW NAIROBI -- IT
MUST STOP -- AND IT MUST STOP NOW.

WOMEN OF THE WORLD -- SISTERS ALL -- WE CAME TO
BUILD THE FUTURE -- WE LEAVE TO ENSURE THE
FUTURE. WE WILL MEET AGAIN -- AND OUR ISSUES WILL
PREVAIL. THOMAS