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Appendix A:

PUT SEXUALITY ON THE AGENDA AT THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

In Beijing in September 1995, the Member States of the United Nations will convene the Fourth World Conference on Women, where they will adopt a Platform for Action that will set goals for achieving gender equality over the next decade. We, the undersigned, call upon the Member States to recognize the right to determine one's sexual identity; the right to control one's own body, particularly in establishing intimate relationships; and the right to choose if, when, and with whom to bear or raise children as fundamental components of the human rights of all women regardless of sexual orientation. We support the inclusion of lesbians in governmental delegations and as non-governmental observers at the conference and we call upon all delegates to insure that adequate recognition and protection of these rights are included in the final version of the Platform for Action and all other conference documents. We base these demands on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which recognizes the "inherent dignity and...the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family," and guarantees the protection of the fundamental rights and freedoms of all people "without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language ..or other status" (art. 2).

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Group (USA) • International League for Human Rights (USA) • International Lesbian and Gay Association • International Lesbian Information Service • International Women's AIDS Caucus (Argentina) • International Women's Health Coalition • International Women's Human Rights Clinic at CUNY Law School (USA) • International Women's Tribune Center (USA) • Isha L'Isha/Haifa Feminist Center (Israel) • ISIS International (Philippines) • ISIS - WICCE (Switzerland) • ISIS - WICCE (Uganda) • Juniper House (Canada) • Kadin Dayanism Vakfi - The Foundation for Women's Solidarity (Turkey) • Katipunan ng Kababaihan para sa Kalayaan (Philippines) • Kilawin Kotekibo (USA) • Kokusai Bian Renmei (Japan) • KLAf-Community of Feminist Lesbians (Israel) • The Korean Council for Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan (South Korea) • Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (USA) • Lesbian and Gay Liberation Front Cologne (Germany) • Lesbian Equality Network (Ireland) • Lesbians Organizing Together (Ireland) • [Seattle] Lesbian Resource Center (USA) • Lesbian Rights Advocates (Thailand) • Libreria de Mujeres (Argentina) • LLH-Nat'l Organization for Lesbian and Gay Liberation (Norway) • London Lesbian and Gay Switchboard (England) • LLEGO - National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization (USA) • MADRE (USA) • Mount Holyoke College Women's Studies Committee (USA) • Movimiento Homosexual de Lima (Peru) • Mujeres para el Dialogo (Mexico) • Mujeres por la Salud en Acción (Mexico) • Mujeres Trabajadores Unidas (Mexico) • National Abortion Rights Action League (USA) • National Center for Lesbian Rights (USA) • National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (USA) • National Coalition of Feminist and Lesbian Cancer Projects (USA) • National Women's Network for International Solidarity (UK) • Necessities/Necesidades, Inc. (USA) • Network of Belgrade Autonomous Women's Groups (Serbia) • New York Men Against Sexism (USA) • North-South Institute (Canada) • Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (USA) • Northwest Women's Law Center (USA) • Norwegain Tibet