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DATE : 28 October 1993

TO : The Chairperson of the Planning Committee
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FROM : National Gender Department
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SUBMISSION : EQUALITY CLAUSE IN INTERIM BILL OF RIGHTS

The National Gender Department wishes to state unequivocally its position on the debate around the inclusion of the equality clause in the Interim Bill of Rights.

1. The equality clause in the Interim Bill of Rights must supercede all other areas protected by the Bill of Rights. Customary laws and cultural practices cannot be exempt from the effects of this clause.
2. Article 32 of the present draft Bill, dealing with Customary Law, does not offer women enough scope for affirmative action. Unless these areas are explicitly made subject to the equality clause, women will find it difficult to improve their legal status under customary marriages as well as with regard to numerous traditional practices.

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