



PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

9 JULY 1985

Australia's delegation to the World Conference marking the end of the United Nations Decade for Women left for Nairobi today. I wish the delegation well for this important conference being held to review and appraise achievements for women since 1975 and to lay the foundations for strategies to raise women's status during the rest of this century.

The delegation is lead by Senator Patricia Giles (WA), who has been active in women's affairs for many years and has played a prominent role in the preparatory meetings for the Conference. Senator Giles is also Convenor of the Caucus Status of Women Committee. The other members of the delegation have been chosen to provide a range of backgrounds and skills. I am confident they will make the best possible contribution to the work of the Conference, particularly in our aim of achieving consensus on the major Conference document, "Forward Looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women". This document will form an important basis to develop further our policies for the status of women in Australia.

In addition to Senator Giles, the members of the delegation are -

Dr Helen Ware, (Deputy Leader) Acting Assistant Secretary Office of the Status of Women, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet;

Mrs Edith Hall, Convenor, National Women's Consultative Council and Executive Director, Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Association of Victoria;

Mr Geoff White, Australian High Commissioner, Nairobi, Kenya;

Mr Cavan Hogue, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative, Australian Mission to the United Nations, New York;

Ms Gae Pincus, Assistant Secretary, Human Relations Branch, Attorney-General's Department;

Senator Rosemary Crowley, South Australia;

Senator Olive Zakharov, Victoria;

The Hon. Franca Arena, AM, MLC, New South Wales;

Ms Pat O'Shane, Secretary, NSW Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs;

Ms Tonia Shand, Assistant Secretary, Peace and Disarmament Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs;

Dr Stefania Siedlecky, Adviser on Women's Health and Family Planning, Commonwealth Department of Health;

Ms Helen King, Adviser on Women in Development, Australian Development Assistance Bureau;

Ms Helen L'Orange, Director, Women's Co-ordination Unit, NSW;

Ms Jane Hamilton, Department of Foreign Affairs;

Ms Margo Bell, Office of the Status of Women, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet;

Mr Kenneth Berry, Australian High Commission, Nairobi, Kenya;

Mr John Quinn, Australian Mission to the United Nations, New York.

I wish Senator Giles and all the members of the delegation every success. The Office of the Status of Women within my Department will ensure that reports of the Conference are widely distributed after the Conference is concluded.
