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**Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World
Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session
of the General Assembly, entitled “Women 2000: gender
equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”**

Letter dated 4 October 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

On behalf of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) and in accordance with article III (3) (d) of the Statute of the Institute, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

1. On 1 October 2004, the Executive Board of INSTRAW met to review the progress made by the Institute in 2004 and the proposed work plan and core budget for 2005;
2. The Executive Board took note of the wide range of activities undertaken in 2004 within the framework of the four areas identified in the Strategic Framework (see annex I and documents E/2004/66 and A/59/313) and was satisfied with the progress made by the Institute over such a short period;
3. The Executive Board considered the financial situation of INSTRAW as well as the proposed work plan and budget for 2005. The Board endorsed the results-based format and unanimously approved the work plan and the budget, but pointed out that the Institute's Trust Fund did not contain sufficient resources to meet its financial requirements;
4. The Executive Board of INSTRAW recommends that the General Assembly should support the activities of INSTRAW and calls on it to provide financial assistance to the Institute, as described in its work plan and projected costs contained in the attached document (annex II).

On behalf of the Executive Board, I should be grateful if you would have this information, as well as the aforementioned attached documents, circulated as a document of the General Assembly so that it can be considered and discussed by the Third Committee under items 98 and 99 of the agenda.

(Signed) Juan Antonio **Yáñez-Barnuevo**

Annexes to the letter dated 4 October 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

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Annex I

* Originally issued as an INSTRAW document.