

SLOVAKIA

Questionnaire on Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action

Overview of the situation as regards national machinery to promote equality between women and men:

Governmental Committee for Women and Family - In the years 1990 to 1992 the Governmental Committee for Women and Family was created, which had the competence commented on governmental documents related to women's and family issues and submitted proposals to the Government and certain measures to individual sectors, however. The Committee, however, did not have its own budget which would enable a deeper professional work. The Committee closely co-operated with NGOs. After elections in 1992, the Governmental Committee was abolished and the competence in the family and women's issues were transferred to the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family.

Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic - At the time of the Beijing Conference, the ministry was the only institution

responsible for the issues of women's issues.

Co-ordination Committee for Women's issues (CCWI) - This body was set up by government resolution in February 1996. The committee is attached

through its Secretariat to the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic. The chair of the committee is the Minister of Labour

and Social Affairs and Social Integration and it consists of representatives from non-governmental organisations dealing with women's issues, their representatives, sources, research institutions,

women's and family issues. Its objective is to comment on all other measures related to women's issues.

The CCWI prepares recommendations to the Government and

the Parliament of the Slovak Republic on the issues related to general promotion of women in the society and equal opportunities

for women, protection of women's rights, advancement of women's issues, trade unions and etc., to advance women's issues, initiates draft legislation, CCWI standpoints, Parliament of the Slovak Republic, empowerment of the women, between women and men.

Main objectives of the CCWI

- > to carry out the activities and comments for problems of women,

sector co-ordination in the preparation of documents concerning the development of the Slovak Republic concerning the issues of women's issues, to organise meetings of involved bodies and institutions.

- to propose corresponding measures and conclusions in connection with the solution of women issues;
- to participate in and charge the scientific institutions with the elaboration of scientific analyses, studies and expert opinions for the solution of women issues and to apply their results in the own work;

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➤ to be proactive in submitting programmes and recommendations on the solution of fundamental universal problems of women for the government's

➤ to pay attention to the status of the women children regarding their biologic individuality and protection of a "whole" - mother, family and child

➤ to pay attention to the equal status of women

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The CCWI set up a number of expert groups working on social and population policy, social, political and foreign affairs. All members of the CCWI are working experts in the issue of women. The budget of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic.

Criminality starts to work on Action Plan on elimination of violence against women/domestic violence.

In the frame of Phare – project following activities are planned:

- to create the institute of ombudsman for equal treatment, for access to employment, vocational training, working conditions and professional advancement
- to prepare the analysis of existing international conventions and documents in the field of equal opportunities
- to prepare the system of awarding employers, who will be active in preparing family and women friendly working environment, in the interest of reconciliation of family and working life - „Work and family“.

Members of the CCWI, appointed by the individual ministries in order to create focal points for women's issues within their ministry can be seen as the beginning of mainstreaming activities in Slovakia. !!!

Means of mainstreaming are also in the main objectives of DEQ:

- > To carry out training and education in the field of equal opportunities for employers in state and communal institutions on all levels
- > To create a team of voluntary co-operators in the equality issues from this institutions with the future tendency for professional operators.

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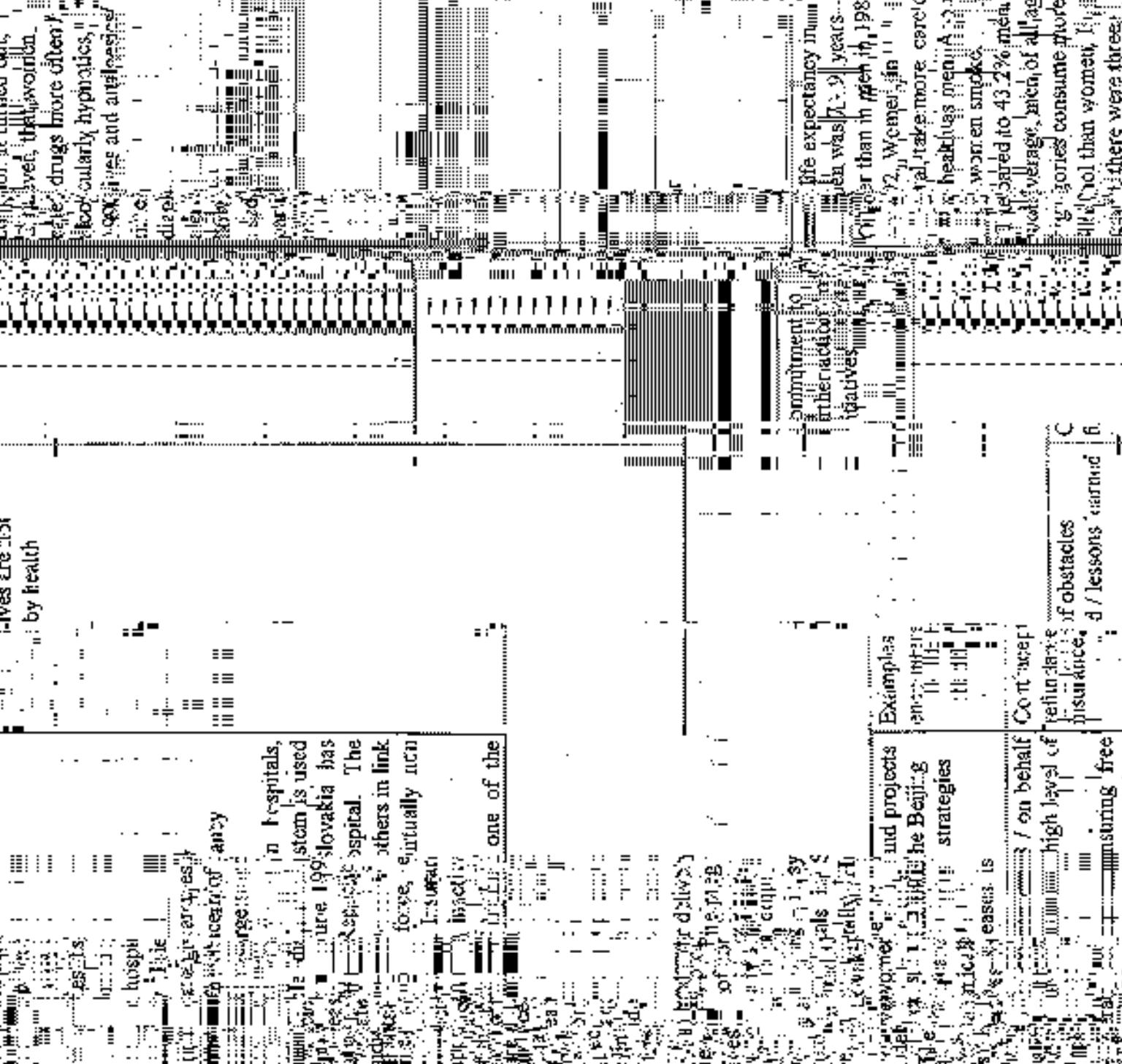
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II	Critical Areas of Concern	<p>1. Women and girls face significant challenges in the areas of health, education, and economic participation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Health: Women and girls experience high rates of maternal mortality and morbidity, and lack access to reproductive health services. b. Education: Girls are disproportionately affected by school closures and lack access to quality education. c. Economic participation: Women and girls face discrimination in the labor market and lack access to economic opportunities. <p>2. Women and girls are disproportionately affected by the conflict, including through displacement, sexual violence, and loss of loved ones.</p> <p>3. Women and girls are often left out of decision-making processes and lack representation in political institutions.</p>
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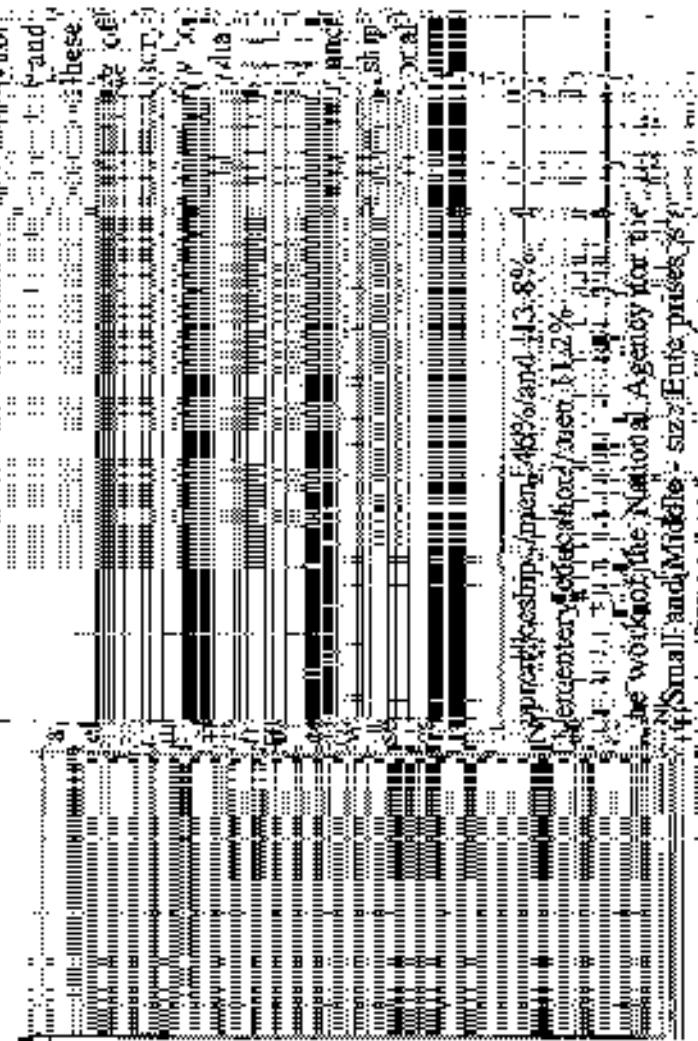
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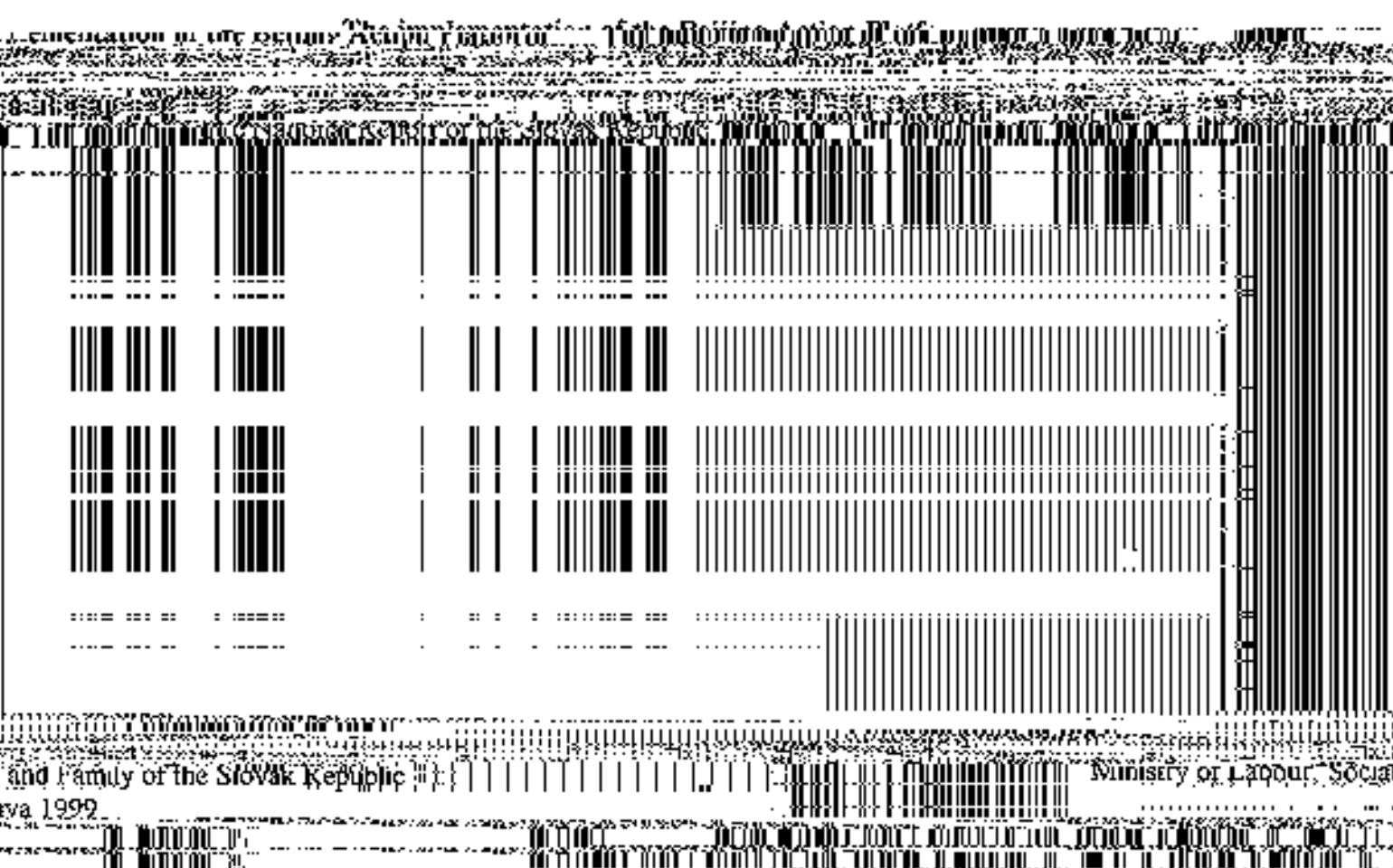
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<p>Primary goals were to train local organizations on women's information and rights. The Beijing Platform for Action principles were used to develop the project. The project also helped to increase awareness of women's rights among different groups.</p> <p>Information campaign and possible dialogue with public institutions in order to change society.</p> <p>The Foundation launched the "The Sultak Republic" series of media for dissemination of information at the UN World Conference on Women by the UNDP United Nations Development Program.</p> <p>"Male" strategy of the campaign in the society, i.e. to raise issues of gender equality.</p> <p>There was an educational and awareness programme to acquaint the broadest sections of the population with the open problems with the "open door" included also "safe sex".</p> <p>Workshop for women's rights and other issues.</p> <p>Workshop for women's rights and other issues.</p> <p>Workshop for women's rights and other issues.</p>	<p>The Foundation launched the "The Sultak Republic" series of media for dissemination of information at the UN World Conference on Women by the UNDP United Nations Development Program.</p> <p>"Male" strategy of the campaign in the society, i.e. to raise issues of gender equality.</p> <p>There was an educational and awareness programme to acquaint the broadest sections of the population with the "open door" included also "safe sex".</p> <p>Workshop for women's rights and other issues.</p> <p>Workshop for women's rights and other issues.</p> <p>Workshop for women's rights and other issues.</p>	<p>The Foundation launched the "The Sultak Republic" series of media for dissemination of information at the UN World Conference on Women by the UNDP United Nations Development Program.</p> <p>"Male" strategy of the campaign in the society, i.e. to raise issues of gender equality.</p> <p>There was an educational and awareness programme to acquaint the broadest sections of the population with the "open door" included also "safe sex".</p> <p>Workshop for women's rights and other issues.</p> <p>Workshop for women's rights and other issues.</p> <p>Workshop for women's rights and other issues.</p>	<p>The Foundation launched the "The Sultak Republic" series of media for dissemination of information at the UN World Conference on Women by the UNDP United Nations Development Program.</p> <p>"Male" strategy of the campaign in the society, i.e. to raise issues of gender equality.</p> <p>There was an educational and awareness programme to acquaint the broadest sections of the population with the "open door" included also "safe sex".</p> <p>Workshop for women's rights and other issues.</p> <p>Workshop for women's rights and other issues.</p> <p>Workshop for women's rights and other issues.</p>	<p>The Foundation launched the "The Sultak Republic" series of media for dissemination of information at the UN World Conference on Women by the UNDP United Nations Development Program.</p> <p>"Male" strategy of the campaign in the society, i.e. to raise issues of gender equality.</p> <p>There was an educational and awareness programme to acquaint the broadest sections of the population with the "open door" included also "safe sex".</p> <p>Workshop for women's rights and other issues.</p> <p>Workshop for women's rights and other issues.</p> <p>Workshop for women's rights and other issues.</p>	<p>The Foundation launched the "The Sultak Republic" series of media for dissemination of information at the UN World Conference on Women by the UNDP United Nations Development Program.</p> <p>"Male" strategy of the campaign in the society, i.e. to raise issues of gender equality.</p> <p>There was an educational and awareness programme to acquaint the broadest sections of the population with the "open door" included also "safe sex".</p> <p>Workshop for women's rights and other issues.</p> <p>Workshop for women's rights and other issues.</p> <p>Workshop for women's rights and other issues.</p>

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Introduction

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men. There were 8 279 undergraduates enrolled, of which 5 221 were

women and 3 058 were men. There were 1 000 postgraduates, of which 321 were graduate students, of which 76 were women and 23 were

men. In 1991, there were 11 720 students enrolled part-time, of which 8 576 were women and 3 144 were

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The number of job vacancies registered by district labour offices fell 4.3 percent, when compared to 1997, there were 192 99 vacancies per 100 registered unemployed, even previous increases in the age group of 20-24, the age structure of registered unemployed did not change. In 1998, the proportion of long-term unemployed in the overall number unemployed was 38.4 percent. Young people aged 15-29 comprise the largest group age structure of the unemployed registered with labour offices.

The proportion of women in the overall unemployment has been fluctuating about 46.8 percent in 1998. Female unemployment is 1.15 points higher than male unemployment. First-fifth unemployed without unemployment benefits prevail.

There is a slight increase of less than 2 percent in the number of unemployed registered with labour offices. In the age group 20-24, the age structure of registered unemployed females, there were more significant differences in education. In the subset of women secondary school graduates have the largest proportion (35 percent) of all unemployed women. The proportion of college graduates is the same for women as for men, namely 20 percent. In the subset of men, skilled workers prevail, at 31.3 percent.

of 27 960 labour market participants declined dependency on SKK paid out. On average, 1 677 persons completed training were males and 1 121 were females (in 1997, 2 762 females note that the number of trained women is significantly higher

This important institution 1998. There were 166 retraining monthly, of whom completed retraining). Women than males on a long term

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insurance transfers in respect of the unemployed drawing unemployment benefit towards their health, sickness and pension insurance. The period of drawing unemployment benefits was 5.4 months. The maximum amount of benefit is determined by the base on which the citizen paid his unemployment insurance contribution over the last three years. The average benefit period in three recent years before being with the unemployment register was 5.4 months. In 1998 it was 3 771 SKK for males and 3 478 SKK for fe-

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1998, according to the Selective Survey of the Work Force (11.9 percent in males and 13.2 percent in females). The unemployed. Unemployed women comprised, on average, comprised 167.5 thousand.

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and documents in the field of equal opportunities, and where the Slovak Republic has not yet established administrative body "MICA" ("Ministry for Equal Opportunities"), to co-ordinate joint activities of the government, to propose legislative and other measures on equal opportunities for lower-tier bodies of state administration (District Offices and self-government), to build a team of volunteers of these bodies and to strive achieving their professionalisation; in the future, to collaborate in the preparation of the National Report on Family and, in the future, to participate in the PHARE Working Group on Opportunities.

The department is currently working on the Concept of equal opportunities. The department of equal opportunities, by 2005, plans to draft the bill on equal opportunities, and in medium-term to establish a National Action Plan for Women.

2.2 Position of women in the society and the National Action Plan for Women

The equality of women and men, though formally declared, did not actually function in the previous period. Over the last decade, the position of women has changed significantly.

first marriage is progressively rising. From 21.3 in 1994 to 22.7 in 1998, the corresponding figures for males being 23.8 and 25.2, respectively.

3.3 Income situation of households

Most adult women and men live in families. The proportion of families has been declining only slightly, while the number of people living alone has been increasing. The 1991 Census of People, Houses and Apartments showed that 87.77.8 percent households of family type, i.e. the structure of households in which an element were complete families, households and 13.4 percent were incomplete, so-called single-parent families.

The development in the levels of consumer prices of goods and services is reflected in the growth of living costs of households, which is determined by the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic through living-cost index for social households of employees, pensioners, as well as for employee families with children. The living costs of households of pensioners increased in aggregate more than 5-times, i.e. by 260.4 percent, in 1998. The living costs of households of employees increased by 158.6 percent, compared to 1989, with a moderate dynamics of growth in pensioner households have been doubled. The statistical data on family income net monthly income per a member of the household at 3 013 SKK in 1998. Compared to 1997 it went up 7.8 percent. The index of nominal net per capita income in aggregate increased by 179.1 percent. The real net monthly income of households began to rise slightly since 1995. In 1998 it reached the level of 22.4 percent, compared with the year 1989.

3.4 Women and violence

The International Centre for the Study of Family notes that women financial provision and the degree of violence to which they are exposed problems they face.

To date special legislation have not been created that would relate to violence against women. The provisions of the Penal Code do not distinguish public and domestic violence. There is not sufficient information about the extent of violence.

There are some new offences such as the amendment of the Penal Code has ended the criminal liability of a spouse or corrupted person for the production, distribution and sale of child pornography, as well as more stringent criminal liability for employing minors and the offence of rape in a wedlock.

There seems to be a need to extend criminal liability by law of an offender committing violent crimes in privacy taking criminal proceeding against this person independently of the consent by the person who suffered an offence. It has become particularly topical to be the understanding and judging of domestic violence from private matter in order to eliminate of violence against women. Of the 12 members of the working group, prevention prepared an Action Plan for the elimination of violence.

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The number of persons convicted of rape in 1998 was 1 100. For sexual abuse there were 305 persons convicted in 1998, in 1994, for trading with women four offenders were convicted. The total number of violent crimes committed against women in 1998 was 4 702, 4 458 have not been clarified, in 1994 there were 3 082 violent crimes committed.

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5.2. At the level of the Slovak Government and respective departments

The Government of SR in its Policy Statement undertakes to continue in fulfilment of strategic goals of the national family policy laid down in the National Family Policy Concept aimed at achievement of relative economic independence of the family, successful fulfilment of its functions, stability and social quality of matrimonial and parental relations in the sense of equality of rights with social division of family roles and at accepting or such provisions which

enable parents to apply the principle of choice consistently or the principle of parental responsibility merging through giving parents guarantee of right to part-time job, fulfilment of regulated and guaranteed principle of equal treatment for men and women in family life, especially as regards to access to employment, preferential working conditions and remuneration will be an inseparable part of the labour law. The Government will also its attention at constituting the instruments intended for principle of equal opportunity for men and which is observed.

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Implementation of the Peking Action Platform (PAP) in SR

The National Council of SR

The Constitution of SR guarantees basic rights and freedoms to everyone without respect to gender,

rights and freedoms of women and men. The rights of women constitute inseparable part of the rights and freedoms of NC SR on Health Care and Social Affairs. The Commission on Women's Issues at the Committee of NC SR on Health Care and Social Affairs was working in 1996 -1998.

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PAP Signatory

- to ensure equality of opportunity and to
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**The National Centre
for Women's and Men's
Equal Rights**
established - 1997
information, documentary and
coordinating centre for contact
with non-governmental
organizations and link between
UNO and the Government of SR
(UNDP)

**Co-ordination Committee
on Women's Issues
(CCWI)**
established - 1996
advisory, coordinating and
initiative body of the Slovak
Government

CCWI Secretariat
Head Office - MLSAF SR

**Equality of Opportunities
Department (EOD)
MLSAF SR**
established - 1999
included in the Pan
Policy Section

The National Action Plan for Women in SR

adopted by the Government of SR in 1997 for the period of 10 years

1. to implement equal position of woman in family, at work and in society laid down by legislation;
2. to make room for personal choice of developmental life strategies of women;
3. to eliminate economic disadvantages which can lead to material poverty;
4. to establish conditions for the development of women;
5. to form public opinion in favour of the educational system;
6. through mass media;
7. to establish conditions for the development of women;
8. to support activities of organizations aimed at women's support and development at national and international level.

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