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Eighteenth meeting of the Africa Regional  
Coordinating Committee for the integration  
of Women in Development (ARCC)

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
24 - 26 April 1997

**MID-TERM EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
GLOBAL AND REGIONAL PLATFORMS FOR ACTION**

Proposal by Tunisia

EMBASSY OF TUNISIA  
ADDIS ABABA  
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Date 14 February 1997

The Embassy of the Republic of Tunisia presents its compliments to the secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and, referring both to the recommendations of the meeting of the bureau established to follow up the Fourth World Conference on Women (3-5 March 1996, Addis Ababa) and to the election of Tunisia for a two-year term as Chairperson of the Africa Regional Coordinating Committee for the Integration of Women in Development (17th meeting of ARCC held from 24 to 26 April 1996 in Addis Ababa), has the honour to transmit herewith from the competent authorities of Tunisia to the Executive Secretary of ECA, the following proposals concerning events that Tunisia would like to see organized during its term of office as Chairperson of ARCC:

(a) Organization at Tunis in early 1998 of a regional symposium on progress achieved in the advancement of African women within the context of the global and regional recommendations of the Fourth World Conference on Women. The symposium would conduct a review of activities undertaken and progress made in the advancement of African women three years after the Beijing Conference;

(b) Organization of five preparatory subregional seminars during the second half of 1997 to prepare detailed evaluation reports on progress made in each subregion for submission to the aforementioned symposium. In this regard, the North African subregional seminar could be held in Tunisia during October 1997. It would also be advisable to recruit for each subregion, an expert who would assist each country of that subregion to prepare its country report and draft a comprehensive evaluation report of the subregion;

(c) Networking with ECA and some like-minded African countries to restructure and back-stop ACW with the resources it needs to play the central role of furthering the advancement of African women, particularly in the areas of research, training and mobilization of the financial resources needed to implement women's projects and programmes in line with regional priorities.

The Embassy of the Republic of Tunisia would appreciate it if the secretariat would be so kind as to transmit the foregoing proposals to Mr. K.Y. Amoako, Executive Secretary of ECA and convey to the Embassy, at its earliest convenience, any reaction to the proposals advanced.

The Embassy of the Republic of Tunisia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the secretariat of ECA, the assurance of its highest consideration.

Done at Addis Ababa this  
14th day of February 1997

The Secretariat UNECA  
Addis Ababa