Dear IAW members,

Attached to this News Flash are: a report from Norway, a request of 
IAW member Mbatho Ramagoshi and a list with names of the new IAW 
Board.

Included in this Flash are also some URLs of websites which are well worth visiting.

We recently had some trouble caused by the Bugbear, a nasty virus. If you did not get the October 
News Flash nr. 1, please let us know at <iaw.membership@tsn.cc> or <joke.sebus@inter.nl.net>

Discord deepens over Iraq resolution
A general debate on Iraq opened on Wednesday the 16th at the United Nations in New York. Iraq has 
agreed to the inspectors’ return. Russia says the United States must make changes to a draft United 
Nations resolution threatening force against Iraq. Moscow’s view has been backed by the French. 
If a Security Council resolution is to pass, it must avoid a veto from any of the permanent members - 
the US, Russia, France, Britain and China.

Meanwhile the huge bomb blast in Bali last weekend has left many dead and badly injured and our 
sympathy goes to all the victims and their families. How is the world and, in particular, the UN and 
the US reacting to this and how will it affect the debate on Iraq?

NGOs call on the United Nations for a WCW 2005
At the UN NGOs call for the Fifth World Conference on Women, a WCW 2005 to meet the needs of 
women arising from new global trends, related in particular to economic globalisation, trade, new 
technologies, armed conflicts and the threats posed by HIV/AIDS.

The NGOs call for the governments to reconfirm their commitment to the Beijing PFA and to 
develop further strategies to meet the new and emerging issues that are of great concern for women.

WILPF, General Assembly General Debate Excerpts
During the General Assembly General Debates, from September 12th-20th, the WILPF UN Office has 
been monitoring the speeches and compiling excerpts from the statements on a variety of issues.

Below are links to some of the compiled excerpts from 
http://www.peacewomen.org/un/genass/gaindex.html

For example, excerpts about: Women and Gender, Afghanistan, Conflict prevention, Human security, 
International Criminal Court, Iraq, Israel and Palestine, Terrorism, Disarmament. For a list of women 
who spoke (16 of 189 speakers), see:  http://www.peacewomen.org/un/genass/Speakerswomen57.html

Gender Related Violence is Global
Up to 70% of female murder victims worldwide are killed by their male companions and as many as 
one-third of girls are forced into their first sexual experience, according to a World Health 
Organisation report, which urged countries to no longer treat violence solely as a “law and order 
issues”. Now, armed with data on the extent of the problem and nine recommendations to address it, 
the World Health Organisation will conduct an 18-month violence-prevention campaign.

WHO Report, 6.10.02. Website: http://www5.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/main.cfm?s=0009

Violence Against Women, November 25 – December 10, 2002
16-days of Activism is a period that is used to create a solidarity movement that raises awareness 
around gender-based violence as a human rights abuse.

This year’s campaign activities explore the intersection of culture or religion and violence against 
women and children. In all regions of the world, culture or religion has been used by individuals and 
institutions to support beliefs, norms, practices and institutions that legitimise and perpetuate violence 
against women and children. Although culture is still not an easy word to define; we can begin by
understanding that culture relates to shared patterns such as values, attitudes, beliefs, rituals, goals and behaviours. These patterns can be seen in all societies; members of communities can share similar cultural practices, times of war can invoke certain attitudes and practices etc. However, it is important to remember that culture is not static; it is always changing. (See the attachment for more information).

Please return a completed list to IAW member Ms M Ramagoshi before or on 4 November 2002.
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**CONGO on Johannesburg**
Two documents, the "Final declaration" and "Programme of Action" are available on the CONGO website http://www.congo.org or directly on the following page http://www.congo.org/ngomeet/rio10.htm