

AUSTRALIAN SENATE  
Canberra  
June 29, 1995

Senator Reid, by leave, moved — That the Senate —

- a) notes that the United Nations 4<sup>th</sup> Conference on Woman is to be held in Beijing in September 1995;
- b) supports the right of all women, including Tibetan women, to take part in the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) conference to be held at the same time;
- c) is concerned
  - i) at the reports that the NGO forum is to be held at a considerable distance from the World Conference at a site that cannot accommodate the approximately 20,000 participants expected at the forum
  - ii) at reports that telecommunication, hotel, interpretation and transport facilities are inadequate for a conference of this kind and scale, and
  - iii) at reports of strict customs procedures and controls with regard to the importation of written and audio-visual materials by participants of both conferences; and
- d) calls on the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Senator Gareth Evans) to continue
  - i) to make representations to the Chinese Government and to the conference secretariat to allow women from Tibet who are accredited to NGOs to attend the conference, and
  - ii) urge the Chinese Government to ensure that adequate arrangements are put in place to enable the NGO conference to proceed with adequate facilities and democratic procedures.