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For Peace Tent
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Dear Gen,

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2 months ago we had the opening of the peace-tent. It was a long way until this day.

When Fasia and I returned to Germany we found a lot of very good press coverage on the FORum and even Spiegel and Stern mentioned the peace tent in a positive way. This is much more than we expected before.

In general you can say, that the FORum got more press coverage than the conference. We saw the same happen in the Netherlands, even more articles there. I just have finished a press-documentation of our two countries, it's very interesting.

I have also finished a slide show on Nairobi and Fasia and I got ^{a lot} of very different invitations to women's groups - church - trade unions, autonomous, young and old, the interest is really very big.

Coming back to my country after nearly one year is a very exciting process. The concentration of A-B-C weapons has been growing. Near my city - which is a nuclear free zone we have one depot of chemical weapons now 20 km, nuclear weapons - hundreds in a distance of 50 km, Nato has started their big autumn-manoeuvres now, I feel a pre-war-time again here. WE have started several initiatives - a women's bicycle tour to the different munition- and rocket stations, a bus-tour to Den Haag to support the dutch women during their activities in October - The dutch parliament will decide in November, whether Holland will deploy the rockets or not.

The political experiences of Nairobi help us very much. Nairobi made clear, that we in our countries don't have the right for seignation. Our life conditions are that good, even if we have this roll-back strategy in England, in the US and in West Germany, comparable to 3rd World countries. Nairobi made me understand how the developing countries develop us ...

We would need as soon as possible materials and results of your discussion at Stonehaven with the third world women about remission of debt. In our discussions on Nairobi here we mostly have one woman of South Africa and we try to make this idea known.

(Just now they are trying the war sirenes -ABC- alarm, it's horrible)

It is so necessary, to start new initiatives, to work against sadness and resignation, but there are some very good initiatives.

In every discussion we have about Nairobi and the peace-tent we try to find out, whether the idea of an ongoing peace-tent 1986 - in the peace year could be possible. Everyone likes the idea. This is the direction in which we are working now. The next days we will make a draft to send it to different groups, organisations, individuals a.s.o.

What we would like to do in the next few months is - to go round Germany, and Holland to initiate anew wave of peace activities - with the background of Nairobi

Women's peaceactivities in the last 5 years in our part of the world and abroad

work on strategies to connect our movements in an better way together.

I am working for a documentation on women's peace activities, including f.e. the Salvadorian Mothers Europe Tour as one example for international peace work of women.

I just have finished the foto documentation of the Mothers tourfor the committee. Next week one of our friends will go to Salvador to take all these things with her.

We just have reached, that the church supports the visit of 2 mothers for January next year here to GERmany, to make a tour in our country. I try to get the film on the last years tour together, the first steps are done, but this will need some time, to get all the different parts from different places in Europe, than to cut the film together and the translation. needs time.

I send you the report of the delegation, which accompanied the mothers, its very good.

The question I have is the following: DO you think, that it could be possible, that you support the time which will be necessasry to work for the documentation and the preparation for the ongoing peace-tent in 1986?

I mean the preparation-work, not the peace-tent itself. We think, that we can get the money together from different women's organisations, churches, a.s.o. aswe did during the salvador tour in the various countries.

My problem is, htat I would need support until the end of december this year, to get the unemployment money from January again. Then I could live from this money again for one year, to go on with peace-activities.

The next page I will set up a detailed plan and budget.

I hope, that we will meet once here in GERmany, in which way your decision will be!