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RELATIVE TO ABORTION-RELATED ACTIVITIES

INTRODUCTION:

Section 114 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, adds for the first time to this legislation restrictions on the use of funds relative to abortions. The new provision reads as follows:

"Section 114. Limiting use of funds for abortion--
None of the funds made available to carry out this part (Part I of the Act) shall be used to pay for the performance of abortions as a method of family planning or to motivate or coerce any person to practice abortions."

The indicated policy positions represent the best legal and policy judgment in A.I.D. on a desirable stance the Agency should have at this time relative to this subject. The A.I.D. policies relative to abortion dealt with here involve the following programmatic aspects-- Procurement and Distribution of Equipment; Institutional and Program Development; Motivation, Promotion, and Training; Research; Fees for Abortion Services; and Coercion.

1. Procurement and Distribution of Equipment

A.I.D. Policy - No funds available to carry out the Foreign Assistance Act will be used to procure or distribute equipment provided for the purpose of inducing abortions as a method of family planning.

2. Institutional and Program Development

A.I.D. Policy - A.I.D. funds will not be used for the direct support of abortion activities in LDC's. However, A.I.D. may provide general population assistance program support to LDC's and institutions so long as A.I.D. funds are wholly attributable to the permissible aspects of such programs.

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3. Motivation, Promotion, and Training

A.I.D. Policy - A.I.D. does not and will not fund information, education, training, or communication programs that seek to promote abortion as a method of family planning. A.I.D. will finance training of developing country doctors in the latest techniques used in OB-GYN practice. A.I.D. will not disqualify such training programs if they include pregnancy termination within the overall curriculum. However, A.I.D. funds will not be used to initiate or expand the pregnancy termination component of such programs, and A.I.D. will pay only the extra costs of financing the participation of developing country doctors in existing programs. Such training is provided only at the election of the participants.

4. Research

A.I.D. Policy - A.I.D. will continue to support research programs designed to identify safer, simpler, and more effective means of fertility control. This work includes research on both foresight and hindsight methods of fertility control.

5. Fees for Abortion Services

A.I.D. Policy - A.I.D. funds are not and will not be used to pay women in the less developed countries to have abortions as a method of family planning. Likewise, A.I.D. funds are not and will not be used to pay persons to perform abortions or to solicit persons to undergo abortions.

6. Coercion

A.I.D. Policy - Pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act and A.I.D. policy, A.I.D. activities in family planning and population assistance to developing countries cannot incorporate coercive features relative to the practice of family planning or any mode thereof.

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