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attached.

Re: INFORMATION TO INCORPORATE INTO DESCRIPTION OF DW ACTIVITIES FOR  
UNCHS HABITAT SCROLL OF HONOUR AWARD 1993

22/8/93

Dear Claire, John

Attached are brief descriptions of selected activities of the Canada and Angola offices as requested by you in your fax received Friday 19/8. Hope the turn around was not too slow. We hope it will be useful for the 300 word summary. I wonder if it might also be useful for Nordberg to have a 3 - 4 pager along the lines of these descriptions including DWF's work, as one integrated statement of all DW activities. (not disaggregated by office of course).

On reading Allan's piece and writing mine it struck me that this is probably the first really succinct and clear statement we have of each office's activities. Now if you could put together a similar short piece on DWF, if you do not have one already, we would have a complete set explaining succinctly to each what the other has been up to. (Of course, in my case it leaves out all my university related stuff so unfortunately it is not fully representative of all my activities. But more on that when we meet).

For the 300 worder Bebot suggests an opening sentence or two that makes clear the range and comprehensiveness of our approach to human settlements development at the core of which remains working with local resources human and material: from policy through program to project development; from research to planning, design, implementation, including construction, and evaluation; from institutional development to teaching/ training; with projects that range from settlement planning to infrastructure services to buildings to community health to small industries; and how we developed from our project experience up to policy development which fed back down to projects. Again the 300 worder would have to convey this very briefly but if you send Nordberg a 3 - 4 pager in addition, this intro could be a short para.

We are fearful your vacation is being too disrupted. I hope somehow you are managing to keep work to the minimum possible. We here have written of having a vacation this summer and are keeping vacationing to the 2 - 3 weeks in december in New Zealand with Ferooze and family. Wish you could join us. They send their love.

Trust you got my fax on Fri. 19th. I am assuming we overlooked to invite Turner and shall send him a fax. tomorrow with an invite and sincere apologies, unless I hear otherwise from you. Better late than never. Do you have a recent address, phone and fax? I appear only to have a phone that might be dated?

Must end with the approach of midnight. Sweet dreams.

22.8.93.

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SELECTED ACTIVITIES OF DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP, CANADA (DWC)

The Canada office of DW established itself over the 1980's and continues its activities into the 1990's. During this period its human settlements related activities have included institutional development, housing and urban development, computer modelling and technology assessment, research on rural construction and building materials industries, and the development of teaching materials. Following is a summary of some of these activities.

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This has involved helping institutions improve their mandate, structure, working procedures, and capacities to better define, plan, implement, and evaluate their activities. DWC assisted the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Canada to establish a research - support section on building materials and technologies (1986). It helped the Aga Khan Housing Boards in India and Pakistan develop their rural habitat programs over the years 1987 - 90. In collaboration with Development Workshop, France, (DWF) it developed a new theme on the rural built environment for the Aga Khan Foundation to introduce into its "International Strategy 1991 - 99". Since 1990 DWC has been assisting in the institutional development of two international NGO coalitions, the Phillipine Development Assistance Program (PDAP) and the Phillipine - Canada Human Resource Development Program (PCHRD), in Canada and the Philippines.

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

DWC worked with the World Bank and government authorities to review Pakistan's national shelter sector and help develop a national shelter policy (1987 - 88). DWC also worked with the World Bank and government authorities to prepare, appraise, and supervise urban development projects in Pakistan and India. DWC worked in Pakistan on the Karachi Special Development Project, the Punjab Urban Development Project, and Lahore Urban Development Project. In India it worked on the Kerala Urban Development Project. Projects involved intermediate cities development, housing, sites and services and slum - upgrading, and historical city conservation. (1986 - 88).

COMPUTER MODELLING AND TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT

DWC has developed a simple computer model to assess the performance of construction technologies and small enterprises including building materials industries. The spreadsheet - based model assesses the performance of the technologies and industries against multiple criteria covering economic efficiency, social equity and ecological impact. It can also help identify gainers and losers resulting from the adoption of particular technologies and

industries. The model was originally developed through being applied to construction technologies and building materials industries in rural Punjab, Pakistan. It has been further improved through application to cement industries (Zimbabwe), fish-pond farming (Indonesia), and rice-milling (Philippines). To DW's knowledge no similar model exists (1983 - ongoing).

#### RURAL CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS PRODUCTION

DWC conducted detailed research involving 100 cases and interviews on alternative construction technologies and brick production industries in the rural Punjab, Pakistan. The research demonstrates that the traditional technologies and industries are more efficient, equitable, and ecologically sound than the more modern alternatives. That is they are more profitable, create more jobs, income distribution, and local multipliers per unit of investment, are more conducive to community participation and have fewer negative ecological impacts. Social and institutional factors however promote a preference for the modern alternatives. The research suggests how to increase preference for the more traditional methods. It was funded by the Aga Khan Foundation, Geneva. (1982 - 84).

#### TEACHING MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT

DWC developed a case-study package to teach rural development to university students. The package based on the Aga Khan Rural Support Program, (AKRSP) Pakistan includes overview texts, two videos, nine cases, and teaching guidelines. It in part demonstrates how construction projects can promote physical, economic, and institutional development and therefore be critical in promoting broader rural development. The package was commissioned by the Aga Khan Foundation, Canada to be published in autumn 1993.

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Re: HABITAT AWARD SUBMISSION (Second Draft)

1) The following are some issues that should be mentioned regarding the Angola work.

2) SAMBIZANGA SQUATTER AREA UPGRADING PROJECT:

DW's Sambizanga Project is the first squatter area upgrading initiative in Angola. The present project covers an urban district (comuna) of about 95,000 persons in one of Luanda's peri-urban Musseques, or informal settlements. The project involves upgrading urban infrastructure and social services which have been prioritized by the community and mobilizes local resources through an active process of participation.

3) PARTNERSHIP & CIVIC INSTITUTIONS:

DW's strategy in its Angola programme is partnering with national associations, NGOs and CBOs in the emerging Civil Society. The strategy focuses on training and institutional building.

4) COMMUNITY BASED WATER & SANITATION:

Since 1987 DW has been developing a series of programmes in community based water and sanitation in Luanda's musseques involving construction of public water networks and standposts, improved latrines and implementing public health education programmes.

5) TRAINING CENTRE:

DW has established a training centre/workshop for promoting technologies, appropriate for urban development and for training urban community development workers (activistas). DW has trained over 100 activists and apprentice technologists in the last year.

6) INSTITUTION BUILDING:

DW was instrumental in assisting the Angolan Government in establishing the first Bureau for Urban Upgrading. The Bureau was a national office which had the mandate of coordinating intersectoral activities in the area of urban squatter area improvement, carrying out pilot projects with the aim of testing and developing policy / strategies. The Bureau has subsequently been integrated into the restructured local level of government.

7) URBAN COMMUNITY HEALTH:

DW is working closely with the Angolan National Department of Public Health and Local Municipal Governments in urban programmes for promoting appropriate technologies in water and sanitation and in the training of local level community health personnel. DW was requested by the National Department to coordinate an emergency programme as a response to the endemic cholera in Luanda's peri-urban sector.

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