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Interactive Expert Panel

**“Keypolicy initiatives on equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men,
including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS”**

Tuesday, 3 March 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Panellists

1. **Ms. Patricia Espinosa Torres** (Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Mexico)
2. **Ms. Marilyn Waring** (Professor of Public Policy, AUT University, New Zealand)
3. **Mr. Joseph Aimé Bidiga** (Head of the Department of Health of the Permanent Secretariat of the National Council to Combat HIV/AIDS, Burkina Faso)
4. **Mr. Linden Lewis** (Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Bucknell University, Pennsylvania, USA)
5. **Ms. Shahra Razavi** (Research Coordinator, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development)

1. Ms. Patricia Espinosa Torres is the Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare in Mexico. She holds a Master’s degree in Latin American literature from the Ibero-American University. From 2001 to 2006 she was President of the National Institute for Women (INMUJERES). In 2004, she acted as President of the Regional Conference on Latin American and Caribbean Women, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Women’s Inter-American Commission for Women at the Organization of American States. As a member of the 57th Legislature (1997-2000) of the Chamber of Deputies, Ms. Espinosa led a team that created the Equity and Gender Commission.

2. Ms. Marilyn Waring is a Professor of Public Policy within the Institute of Public Policy at AUT University, Auckland, New Zealand. She holds a PhD in political economy. Her areas of expertise include governance and public policy, gender analysis, time-use surveys, political economy and gender mainstreaming, and she has published widely in these areas. Ms. Waring has held fellowships at Harvard and Rutgers Universities. In 2008, she received one of New Zealand’s highest honours, becoming a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (CNZM), for services to women and economics.

3. Mr. Joseph Aimé Bidiga is the head of the Department of Health of the Permanent Secretariat of the National Council to combat HIV/AIDS in Burkina Faso. He was previously the head of the national programme against sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) in the same Department. He holds a Doctorate in Medicine from the University of Ouagadougou and a Master's in Public Health. In 2008, he was registered as an expert of WHO in the field of STDs, including HIV infection. He has carried out research on HIV/AIDS and STDs and published on medicine in developing countries.

4. Mr. Linden Lewis is Chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania, USA, and the vice-president of the Caribbean Studies Association. He holds a PhD in sociology from the American University in Washington DC. He works in the area of race, labour and gender, including masculinity. He has published widely, including on masculine identities. Mr. Lewis was an expert at the Expert Group Meeting on the 'Role of Men and Boys in Achieving Gender Equality' (2003) and was co-chair of the Expert Group Meeting on 'The Equal Sharing of Responsibilities between Women and Men, including Caregiving in the Context of HIV/AIDS' (2008), organized in preparation for the Commission.

5. Ms. Shahrashoub Razavi is research coordinator at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD). She holds a D. Phil on the gender dimensions of agricultural commercialization from Oxford University. She specializes in the gender dimensions of social development, with a particular focus on livelihoods and social policies. She led the Institute's research projects on gender equality, including Gender, Poverty and Well-Being, and Gender Justice, Development and Rights. More recently, she coordinated the preparation of the UNRISD report (published in 2005), *Gender Equality: Striving for Justice in an Unequal World*. Ms. Razavi is currently coordinating a large comparative research project on the political and social economy of care at UNRISD.