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(a) Activities carried out by ESCAP which deal with various aspects of women in industry in the developing countries

In its resolution 2770 (XXVI), the General Assembly recognized the important role of youth in the realization of the purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular those concerning the promotion of higher standards of living and conditions of economic and social progress and development.

In view of the above and in recognition of the increasingly important role that young women are playing in supporting the industrial activities of countries in the ESCAP region, a study on the role of young women in the development process, especially in industries in selected countries of the ESCAP region, is being undertaken by ESCAP. Four countries - Hong Kong, the Republic of Korea, Singapore and Thailand are being covered by the study.

The study aims at:

- (1) Identifying constitutional provisions and/or existing legislation having a bearing on the welfare and development of young women;
- (2) Identifying laws, regulations and policy statements which have specific articles and provisions concerning young women as well as programmes currently in operation in implementing these laws and policy statements and the organizations/departments responsible for their implementation;

- (3) Providing an in-depth review of the above including suggestions on their adequacies and inadequacies and their effectiveness in the emerging social situations and over-all national development goals, especially as they relate to the welfare and development of young women.

This study would provide pertinent information for the policy guidance of ESCAP member countries with regard to promoting the welfare and development of women for more effective roles in national development, especially in industries.

(b) Possible area for a UNIDO contribution to the work currently undertaken by ESCAP in this field

It is proposed that a training workshop for workers among young women in industry be organized. This workshop will bring together personnel at policy-making levels and front-line workers having an influence on the role, welfare and development of young women in the industrial sector for an intercountry exchange of experiences and ideas on promoting the role of young women in industry. The need for such a regional exchange is pertinent in the light of the significant involvement of young women in supporting the industrialization programmes being vigorously pursued in many of the ESCAP member states.

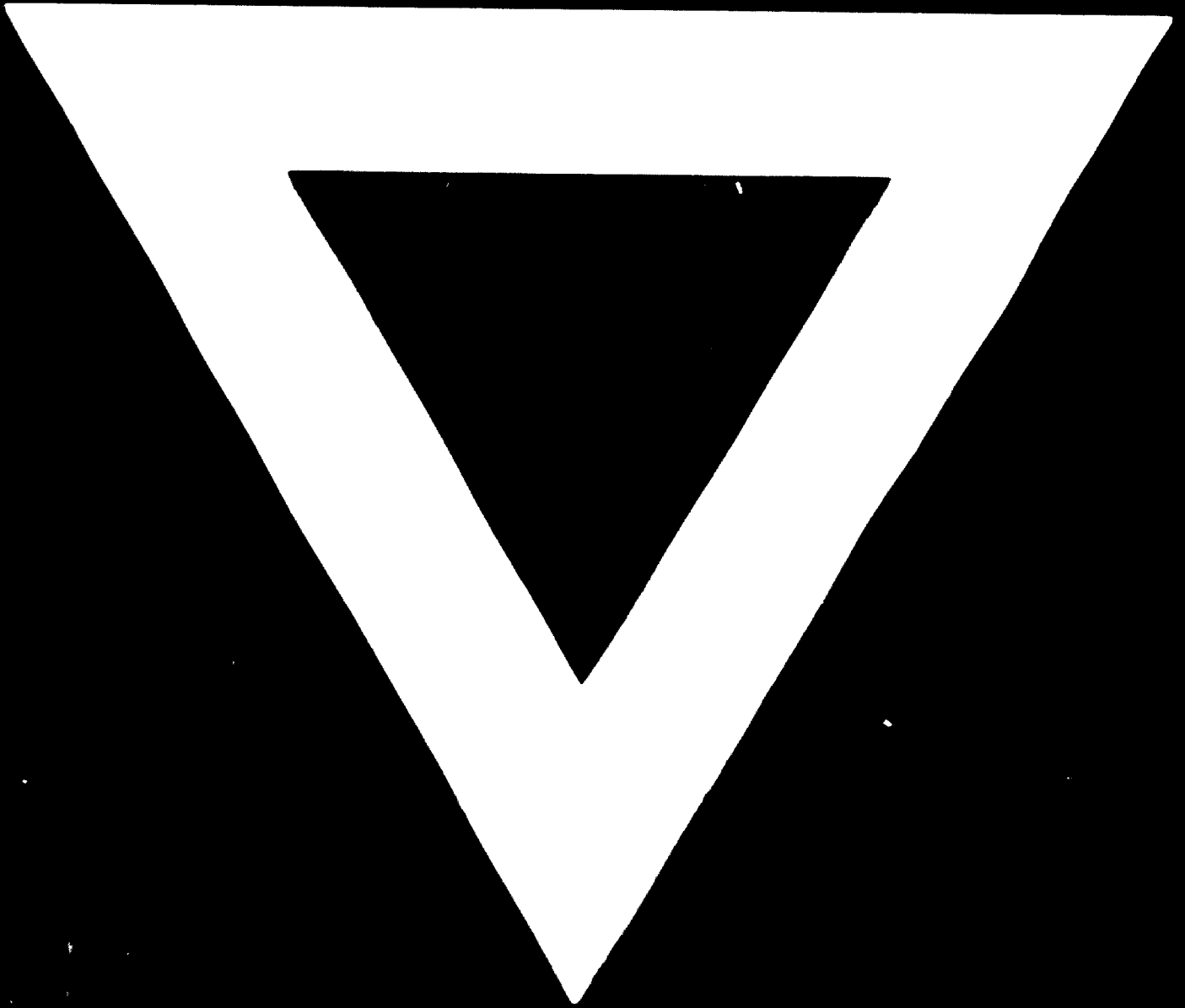
In particular, the Workshop will:

- (1) Identify and assess the current position of young women in industrial activities in various countries;

- (ii) Discuss the needs, problems and potentials of this target group within their respective social, economic and political and national situations;
- (iii) Examine strategies for promoting their role in national development, particularly in industry;
- (iv) Provide the relevant knowledge and skills to stimulate the establishment of relevant policies and programmes to ensure the welfare and development of young women in industry and thereby enhance their contribution to national development.



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