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Dear Members:

Undoubtedly, some of you will ask what this has to do with TG Woman, or with anything related to gender. And, I admit that while it affects us indirectly, it is nonetheless important.

At the insistence of the religious right, George Bush did not attend the World Summit; and, his representative was instructed not to address the issue of global warming.

These issues are of particular importance to the poor nations around the world. In fact, it is no exaggeration to say it is a life and death issue.

By circumventing participation and discussion, the United States keeps the poor of the world poor, and makes it possible for right wing Christians to boast millions of converts. It doesn't matter that their converts are dying and starving. They are only interested in the numbers.

Fresh water, used not only to maintain biological life but also for farming, is becoming increasingly scarce. Within the next 20 years, it is estimate that the global population will reach 8 billion. Nearly half that population will be at risk of starving to death or dying as a result of ingesting contaminated water supplies. At that point, how important will gender issues be when most of the world is concerned about water to drink, food to eat, and places to bury their dead?

America, we have a problem. Much of that problem has to do with George Bush and his affiliation with the right-wing Christian fundamentalists. If we are to fight terrorism, we must fight it here at home as well as abroad.

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