Kaczorowski continues follow-up work of Habitat II

"Mary Rose Kaczorowski, Common Ground-USA's Non Governmental Organization representative to the June 1996 United Nations-sponsored Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), continues her follow-up work through the Huairou Commission. Kaczorowski is also the Director, Ft. Bragg Branch of The Henry George School of Northern CA.

Immediately following the August 1997 Council of Georgist Organizations conference in S. Plainfield, NJ, Kaczorowski and Pat Aller attended a Secretariat meeting in New York City of the Huairou Commission & The Super Coalition of Women Homes & Communities.

Kaczorowski presented the following “Bringing Habitat Home” comments. She is now working on formulating strategies for networking and collaborative forums regarding land access & public finance mechanisms.

BRINGING HABITAT HOME
Our Practices, Economic Empowerment

by Mary Rose Kaczorowski, August 1997

The issues of equity and Women's fundamental right to own, inherit, control and sustain tenure of land and buildings took center stage at the Habitat II Conference in Istanbul. In Istanbul, we demonstrated the ever increasing influence ofgrassroots Women. Formulating continued on page 9

Legislation in Pennsylvania has provided some practical guidance and results. In Nairobi, The Mathare 4-A Program featured their success story at the Women’s Tent on African Women’s Day. We offer the proposition for a Super Coalition of Women, Homes and Community Structural Adjustment Policies Exploratory Workshop at the September 1997 NGO UNDP Forums. Alanna Hartzok will be available to facilitate this forum supported by Pat Aller. Mary Rose Kaczorowski can provide supportive material—particularly in following the Mathare 4-A Project. Judith Vidaver has expertise on resource / environmental impacts, particularly regarding regional watersheds. The time is now to begin to tackle the implementation aspects of the vision. This can be a first step. Our future depends upon it.

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