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## INFORMATION NOTE

Femmes Africa Solidarité is greatly saddened to learn of the passing away of Angela King, the former Secretary-General's Special Advisor on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women. Angela King is remembered by all as a fervent campaigner for the advancement of women, whose tireless work with the UN paved the way for the participation of women in a multitude of arenas.

From the very beginning of her forty year career with the UN, Angela was a pioneer for women's advancement. She joined the Secretariat in 1966 as one of only two female Foreign Service officers posted from the Permanent Mission of Jamaica. From 1992 to 1994 she served as Chief of the United Nations Observation Mission in South Africa (ONOMSA), advocating for women's equal participation in the country's first democratic and non-racial elections.

Angela's diplomacy and advocacy efforts were also crucial in the UN's ratification of key statements and declarations concerning the empowerment of women. Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon has credited her with translating into practice the Beijing Platform for Action and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Angela's advocacy and partnership with civil networks also proved crucial to the adoption of Security Council Resolution 1325 - a groundbreaking resolution recognising women's essential role in peace negotiations and post-conflict reconstruction.

We pay tribute to Angela King's unceasing dedication to the advancement of women and we extend our sincerest condolences to her family. Angela's work has touched many and her achievements serve to inspire all those committed to promoting gender equality.



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