

Observing that, notwithstanding many United Nations decisions and recommendations designed to promote the development of universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and despite the progress made, the situation with regard to the granting and observance of these rights remains unsatisfactory in many parts of the world,

Recognizing the need for increased efforts to eradicate as quickly as possible manifestations leading to every kind of violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Bearing in mind the need to hasten the application of the most important recommendations of the United Nations on the safeguarding of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to enhance the effectiveness and increase the practical results of United Nations activity in this field,

Proposes that the Economic and Social Council should instruct the Commission on Human Rights:

(a) To study and to encourage the adoption of measures designed to accelerate the promotion of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and to devote special attention to this matter during the United Nations Development Decade;

(b) To submit to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session a report and recommendations on this question.

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1777 (XVII). United Nations assistance for the advancement of women in developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 771 H (XXX) of 25 July 1960 and General Assembly resolution 1509 (XV) of 12 December 1960 concerning special assistance by the United Nations and the specialized agencies for the advancement of women in developing countries,

Having considered the reports prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with the above-mentioned resolutions,⁵

Reaffirming Economic and Social Council resolution 884 E (XXXIV) of 16 July 1962, by which the Council recognized the necessity to develop and co-ordinate the various programmes of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the United Nations Children's Fund which are designed to promote the advancement of women in developing countries,

Recognizing the importance of the work accomplished by the Commission on the Status of Women,

Believing that the co-ordination and development of these various programmes should be implemented through a unified, long-term United Nations programme for the advancement of women,

Recognizing that new resources required for this purpose may be provided by the contributions of Member States, especially of the advanced countries, and by those non-governmental organizations whose aims are to advance the welfare of women everywhere,

⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 19, documents E/3493, E/3566 and Add.1.*

Recognizing that it is appropriate to draw the attention of world public opinion to the importance of this problem,

1. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council resolution 884 E (XXXIV) by which the Council, *inter alia*, invites the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund, in co-operation with the United Nations, to strengthen and expand their programmes designed to meet the needs of women in developing countries and to seek new methods to achieve this purpose;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study, in co-operation with the Member States, the specialized agencies, the United Nations Children's Fund and appropriate non-governmental organizations, the possibility of providing and developing new resources aimed especially at the initiation and implementation of a unified long-term United Nations programme for the advancement of women;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, within the scope of the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights and the advisory social welfare services programme, to study especially the possibility of expanding the assistance which can be rendered, through seminars, fellowships and the services of experts, for the advancement of women in developing countries;

4. *Invites* the Commission on the Status of Women to co-operate with the Secretary-General to these ends;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council and to the General Assembly on developments in this respect, especially with regard to the possibility of establishing the above-mentioned programme.

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1778 (XVII). International co-operation to assist in the development of information media in less developed countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1313 A (XIII) of 12 December 1958, by which it requested the Economic and Social Council to formulate a programme of concrete action and measures on the international plane which could be undertaken for the development of information enterprises in under-developed countries, with an evaluation of the material, financial and professional requirements and resources for the implementation of this programme,

Recalling that the Economic and Social Council, in resolution 718 (XXVII) of 24 April 1959, requested the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to undertake a survey designed to provide the elements for the programme of concrete action desired by the General Assembly,

Noting with satisfaction Economic and Social Council resolution 888 E (XXXIV) of 24 July 1962, transmitting to the General Assembly the reports on the survey which has been carried out by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization by means of a series of regional meetings in Asia, Africa and Latin America, held in co-operation with the respective United Nations regional economic commissions,